

# ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH

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December 11, 2022

## St. Philip's Church

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### Sister Parish

#### **St. Charles Pennington**

2500 Scenic Hwy NE, Pennington, MN  
4 p.m. Saturdays from May 14 until  
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### Newman Catholic Ministries

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All sacramental events take place at  
St. Philip's Church. School year only.

### St. Philip's Clothing Depot

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#### **Manager:**

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### Spiritual Direction

Tamara Moore

Please call the Parish Office for information.

In Latin there is a saying which goes "**Tempus fugit.**" It literally means *time flies*. I left Africa, Malawi on 8<sup>th</sup> November last year and arrived here in the USA on the 11<sup>th</sup>. Of course, I had heard and read a lot about this beautiful country but for me I was coming to an unknown area. ..I had no clue as regards to what type of people I would meet here, what kind of culture I was diving into and what kind of food I was to eat, what kind of treatment I was going to experience. Like Abraham in the Old Testament, I had to leave for an "**unknown**" land but with confidence and trust that God always accompanies his chosen ones. Like Jesus Christ who sent his disciples in pairs to preach the gospel of his kingdom, my Archbishop also did likewise. He sent me here with my friend Fr James Khembo who is serving in East Grand Forks and his advice was, ***I am sending you like missionaries and I know you are classmates and I hope you will be able to support and encourage each other where that is needed and necessary.*** Probably he was also not sure of what life had in store for us. Having spent one year, I had a little reflection of my stay. The first thing that I have to say is to thank God for all the wonderful graces he has shown me in my priesthood. As I shared with some of you, I was ordained a priest on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2003 and in all these years, I have seen God's care and graces in different ways in my priestly ministry. My being asked to come here was like ***another calling within my priestly calling.*** However, this has helped me to grow spiritually, emotionally and even socially. That is what happens when you are in a new environment with a different culture. There are lots of things that need adjustment. One may not understand this fully until he/she is into it, and I now understand it much better than before.

For the one year that I have been here, I have experienced tremendous love, care and support from many people of this beautiful and active parish. Fr. Bill, our pastor has been one of the wonderful persons for me. From the word go, he helped me to get settled quickly. He is such a wonderful person, always ready to help and offer directions and full of humor too. Fr. Michael was the one who used to take me around town especially for winter night walks when it was very quiet and "scandalously" cold. He used to say that that was a good time for meditation because there is no noise and one can appreciate God's nature and beauty of creation with a serene mind. I would like to say thanks to our ever charming two deacons for their support and to a wonderful and jovial group of parish and school staff. These people have been very supportive and caring to me, always making sure that I feel at home. There are a lot of parishioners who have shown me a lot of love like among other things, inviting me to their homes and different places for dinner, giving me warm clothes, taking me to the lake for fishing, helping me with driving around town when I was getting my license, praying for me, buying me my favorite goat meat and coming to my office to greet me and say a word of encouragement. I look back at this one year with a sense of gratitude to God and all the people who have come into my life. Of course, there have been challenges but challenges are always part of our life, and they help us to grow. I am looking forward to another year with optimism, always remembering that we are only earthen vessels trusted with heavenly treasures and so in our ministry we must trust the Lord that he will always give us the graces we need to serve him better. May God bless our parish!

In Christ,  
Fr. Christon

### **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



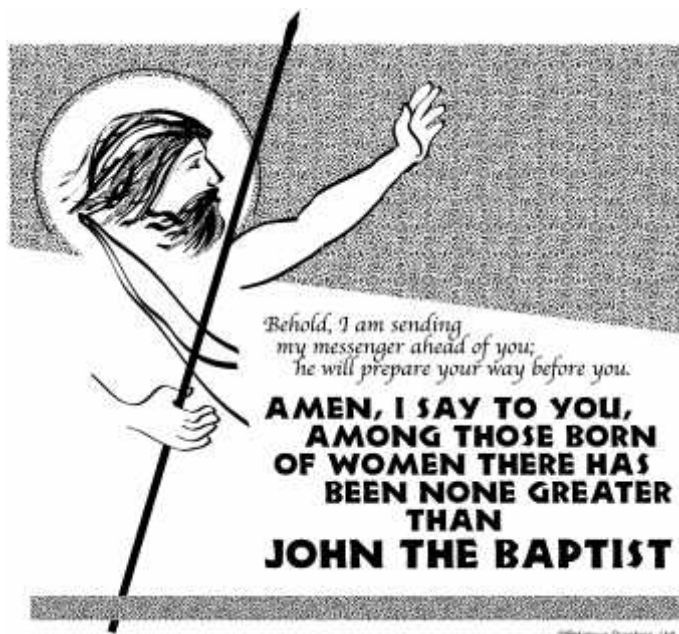
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# Third Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2022

Lord, come and save us!



## Mass Intentions

For Week of December 12 to 18

### Monday, Dec 12

8:30 AM Mass: +Fr. Jerry Rogers

### Tuesday, Dec 13

6:30 PM Mass: +Maria Wizner

### Wednesday, Dec 14

8:30 AM Sch Mass: +Curtis Richards

### Thursday, Dec 15

8:30 AM Mass: +Bob Peters

### Friday, Dec 16

8:30 AM Mass: +Dorothy Milakovich

### Saturday, Dec 17

5:30 PM Mass: +Tessie Dahlman

### Sunday, Dec 18

7:30 AM Mass: For the People

9:00 AM Mass: +Ira Batchelder

11:00 AM Mass: +Bev Tolman

## Daily Readings

For Week of December 12 to 18

### Monday, Dec 12

Zec 2:14-17

Ps Judith 13:18bcde,19

Lk 1:26-38

### Tuesday, Dec 13

Zep 3:1-2,9-13

Ps 34:2-3,6-7,17-18,19,23

Mt 21:28-32

### Wednesday, Dec 14

Is 45:6c-8,18,21c-25

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

Lk 7:18b-23

### Thursday, Dec 15

Is 54:1-10

Ps 30:2,4,5-6,11-12a,13b

Lk 7:24-30

### Friday, Dec 16

Is 56:1-3a,6-8

Ps 67:2-3,5,7-8

Jn 5:33-36

### Saturday, Dec 17

Gn 49:2,8-10

Ps 72:1-2,3-4ab,7-8,17

Mt 1:1-17

### Sunday, Dec 18

Is 7:10-14

Ps 24:1-2,3-4,5-6

Rom 1:1-7

Mt 1:18-24

## This Week in the Parish

### Monday, Dec 12

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 13

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

7:00 PM Adult Choir Practice (Church)

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

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

7:00 PM Men's Basketball (Gym)

### Wednesday, Dec 14

9:40 AM Rosary (Chapel)

3:00 PM Youth Choir Practice (Church)

6:30 PM Faith Formation, grades 1-11

### Thursday, Dec 15

10:30 AM Communion Service (Havenwood)

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

6:00 PM KC Mtg (Social Hall)

6:15 PM Praise Band Practice (Church)

6:30 PM RCIA- *The Eucharist* (St. Kateri Rm)

### Friday, Dec 16

9:30 AM K-Prep Christmas Program (Church)

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

2:15 PM Kdg Christmas Program (Church)

### Saturday, Dec 17

10:00 AM Prayer Hour at Planned Parenthood

4:00 PM Reconciliation (Chapel)

### Sunday, Dec 18

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)

12:15 PM HS Youth Group (Cafeteria)

## 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](mailto: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.

The St. Philip's Catholic Community welcomes through the waters of baptism, **Greta Katherine Boyer**, daughter of Matthew & Krista Boyer, and **Tatum Ann Krotzer**, daughter of Joe & Jessica Krotzer.



St. Philip's extends condolences to the families of **Annella Thompson**, sister of Mary Walter, and **Polly Smythe**, mother of Jessi Winter. May they find rest and peace, and may their families find comfort in God's love.

## Parish Life

### Tubs of Love

Please be sure to return any "Tubs of Christmas Love" to the Church this weekend. They can be placed by Advent Giving tree, or returned to the Parish Office Monday at the very latest. Thank you for your help in making this program a success!

### Christmas Mass Times

Join us in celebrating the birth of Christ on Christmas Eve at 4:00, 6:30, and 10:00 PM. On Christmas Day, Mass will be at 10:00 AM. \*There will **not** be any other Mass times on Sunday, December 25.

**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 #23** (Weekend of Dec 4 ) \$ 22,006.30  
**Weekly Budgeted:** \$ 25,187.50

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

**YTD Actual:** \$414,644.50 **Yearly Budget:** \$1,209,000

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

### We did it!

St. Philip's in Bemidji had a DAA goal of \$80,914. Two hundred and thirty-one donors have offered \$84,270 putting us at 104.15% of the 2022 DAA goal. Thank you, God bless you and congratulations to all the faithful who have made early gifts to the DAA!

### Retirement Fund for Religious

Help aging religious. Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others—educating the young, comforting the sick, and ministering to the less fortunate. Today, many are frail and need assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please give generously to today's second collection.

### Please keep the following individuals in your prayers:

Nancy Winger, Bill Stearly, Ann Loeffler,

*\* If you are in need of prayer from your St. Philip's family, please contact the Parish Office to have your name added to the prayer list, 218-444-4262.*

### Calendars are in!

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

### 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.

### Campus Security Update

St. Philip's school and parish staff are conducting ongoing training and planning to provide the best possible security and safety measures for St. Philip's campus. We are working with the school district to use consistent terminology and procedures. Please note actions taken and stay tuned for updates:

- J During school days (8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.) entry is permitted through only Door #1. All other exterior doors are locked.
- J Doors #2 & #3 are opened 30 minutes before weekday Masses begin. They are closed and locked when Mass starts.
- J Please do not ask people inside to let you in. They have been instructed not to open doors.
- J Four outdoor lights have been added: two near the Beltrami parking lot and two on the rectory (facing the street and facing the church)

## Carmelite Corner

*Lay Carmelites of The Most Pure Heart of Mary*

The next meeting of Lay Carmelite is December 19th at 5 PM. According to "Lumen Gentium", God wants to make known, the inner reality of the Trinity. This revelation was made by involving humanity in a dialogue woven of love and mercy. God has made known to us his will for communion with Him and share in His life. This plan is being fulfilled through the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit in Christ is the final Word of the Father. Jesus speaks to all people as a friend and dwells amongst us to bring us into communion with God. For more information, call Pat Sturk at 218-398-0814.



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.... but the  
Battle  
Continues.

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Join the **March for Life**

**Saturday, January 21, 2023 12:00 Noon**

**Beltrami County Courthouse**

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**MARCH FOR JUSTICE!**

63,459,781 unborn babies killed nationally since 1973

679,296 unborn babies killed in Minnesota alone

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**MARCH FOR WOMEN!**

Millions of women have been injured physically, emotionally and spiritually by abortion

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**Bring the Whole Family and Bring Your Signs! (some provided)**

**Invocation and Speakers before and After the March**

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Soup and sandwich lunch to follow at St. Philip's Social Hall

### St. Philip's Conference-Society of St. Vincent de Paul

For our fiscal year just ended our parish conference assisted over 180 individuals and families with over \$32,000 of financial assistance for many things, but mostly food, utility assistance, rent assistance and car repairs. We have been able to do this because of the generosity of our parish members together with grant monies received. Please consider a tax deductible contribution to help those struggling in our local community. Contributions can be dropped off at the Parish office or placed in the collection basket in an envelope marked St. Vincent de Paul.

If you would like more information on becoming a volunteer in our mission, call Dale or Margaret at 507-456-1235. Our volunteers contribute from two to twenty hours per month. We meet twice a month at 5 PM – come to a meeting and get a feel for what we do!

*"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' ~Mathew 25:40*



**Congratulations to the following parishioners celebrating over 50 year or milestone anniversaries in the month of December:**

<b>December 2-</b>	Richard & Mary Chernugal	50 years
<b>2-</b>	Steve & Kay Motzko	50
<b>3-</b>	Everette & Liz Johnson	40
<b>3-</b>	Jim & Carol Perish	45
<b>5-</b>	Bob & Jan Maas	55
<b>5-</b>	Tim & Sandy Reitmeier	30
<b>11-</b>	Greg & Karen Hommerding	57
<b>11-</b>	Jeff & Cindy Dudley	51
<b>18-</b>	Leo & Eileen Gothman	58
<b>18-</b>	Ernie & Karen Johnson	61
<b>18-</b>	Dennis & Hazel LaCroix	51
<b>19-</b>	Ed & Tonia Henry	35
<b>21-</b>	Jim & Susan Schmitt	51
<b>27-</b>	Bill & Pat Kelly	64
<b>28-</b>	Alex & Ardell Nadesan	62
<b>29-</b>	Doug & Louise Gish	50
<b>30-</b>	Louis & Deanna Pfann	61

### 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.

*"You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand." ~James 5:8*

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule; we like things to be convenient. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer God reveals to us what He wants us to do with the gifts He has given us. We are able to better align ourselves with God's will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the Month Prayer Hour with the Knights of Columbus

will be held on Saturday, December 17 from 10 – 11 AM (or stay for any length of time). Held at Planned Parenthood of Bemidji, 2504 Hannah Ave NW. *All are welcome. Questions: call 218-368-9019.*

# Ministry Schedule

December 17/18 ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent

	Saturday, December 17 5:30 PM	Sunday, December 18 7:30 AM	Sunday, December 18 9:00 AM	Sunday, December 18 11:00 AM
SACRISTAN	Help Please	Brad Arel	Allison Hopkins	Sue Hengel
ALTAR SERVER	Peyton A Stearly Help Please Help Please	Elizabeth Brooks Felicity Brooks Molly Haskell	Edward Froelich Isaiah Caouette Alexander Fraik (sub req.)	Sydney Beise Emma Beise Help Please
INTRO TO MASS ANNOUNCER	James Hodges	Pam Murray	Kay Mack	Ernie Rall
LECTOR 1	Peggy Neumann	John Carlson	Mollie Rupp	Barb Nyberg
LECTOR 2	Bernie Marshall	Cynthia Haskin	Jill-Ann Walter	Tony Schussman
INTERCESSOR	Roger Heger	Carol Schneider	Mary Walter	Karen Merschman
CAPTAIN EMHC	Betty Lindy	Help Please	Sue Lucas	Susie Balstad
EMHC	Mary Dufault Myrna Corvelli Pat Gavin Mary Jo Christenson Bernie Marshall Marsha Stebe Sue Snider	Christi Brooks Patti Van Camp Mary Zigan Joan Klobe Brad Arel Cynthia Haskin Help Please Help Please	Nicole Kieson Suzi Whalen George Whalen Mary Scofield Stephanie Rupp Joe Bofferding Alex Froelich	Abby Aylesworth Gary Johnson John Marcum Kim Klinger (sub req.) Courtney Haskins Karen Williams Judith Selby
USHER	Mark Moris Janet Moris Grant Frenzel Dick Lehmann	David Brooks Bob Murray James Wiltse Jim Schneider	Larry Mack Dominick Washburn Andrew Washburn Casey Rupp	Ryan Aylesworth Frank Homer Ayden Homer John Miesen
GREETER	Amy Sanden Help Please	Amy Haskell Richard Chernugal	Kirsten Zachman Todd Scofield	Mary Kinsella Rita Lauderbaugh
HOSPITALITY FELLOWSHIP		Colleen Schulke Pat Bartels	Terri Caouette Tim Caouette Ed Daigle Mark Dickinson	Alice LaCoursiere Help Please Help Please Barbara Fitzgerald






## 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

**School Council Members:** Will Beise, Erin Curran, Sarah Haman, Sarah Martinka, Trudy Peterson, Scott Winter

**Trustees:** Kevin Erpelding, Tracie Walter

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Pray for our **Seminarians** and our **Deacon Candidates!**  
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