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May 21, 2023

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"And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age"

So, what's the real significance of the Ascension, and what difference does it make to the overall message of the Gospel and what we believe about Jesus as being fully God and fully human? Every week we profess in our Creed that Jesus ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. Right after this we then make the most amazing of assertions that, having ascended to glory, Jesus will come back to judge all of humanity.

As Christians we believe that the Ascension is more than just an orderly completion to Jesus' earthly life and ministry. It's an event that has consequences for all humanity – that our Lord, Jesus Christ, having defeated death, will come back again in glory to judge the living and the dead and to establish His eternal Kingdom of light and truth.

To unbelievers, this doesn't compute. To unbelievers, the Ascension seems impossible. But to the Christian believer, the Ascension is Christ's journey home to His eternal Father, to the One who first entrusted Him with the mission of salvation for humanity. The Ascension is, therefore, the completion of the great mystery of salvation that began with the Annunciation, when "the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us" (John 1:14), taking to Himself a human existence like ours.

Even in this leaving, Jesus promises to be with His disciples through the ages; He won't abandon them or us, but through the mystery of the Ascension, He who once walked among mankind on earth will now be present to every generation and age. In many ways, without this indispensable piece of the Christian story, Christianity would be nothing more than a religion of memories. We'd simply be recalling and celebrating past events, but they wouldn't have a real and eternal impact on our lives.

With the Ascension, Jesus not only returns to His Father, but does so as the risen Lord, with the whole of His earthly life, His ministry, His passion and death, and His resurrection. From this great moment on, all humanity has been gifted a place in the eternal life of God: For now, one Who was like us has ascended and taken His place at the right hand of the Father.

As we celebrate this great feast of our faith, let us hear with loving hearts, the promise of Christ that "I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20), and that He will send His Spirit upon each of us, so we might be enlightened in faith and in all ways to our new identity in Christ. Let us pray that as we go forth following the Ascension, we might be filled with the hope of eternal life in God, a hope established in our Lord, Jesus Christ, who is both God and man.

Have a blessed week,

Deacon Robb †

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



SCAN ME

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 21, 2023

Your kingdoms of the earth, sing to the Lord!

Mass Intentions

For Week of May 22 to 28

Monday, May 22

8:30 AM Mass: Special Intentions for Mike Kurtz

Tuesday, May 23

6:30 PM + Mark Thomas

Wednesday, May 24

8:30 AM + Mary Lundberg

Thursday, May 25

9:00 AM Special Intentions for Fr. Christon Muhero

11:15 AM Mass (Goldpine): Special Intentions for Virginia Nihart

Friday, May 26

8:30 AM Prayer Partner Mass: +Tom & +Jvonne Gray

Saturday, May 27

4:00 PM Mass (Pennington): +Corky Gothman

5:30 PM Mass: +Jim Gorham

Sunday, May 28

7:30 AM Mass: For the People 9:00 AM Mass: +Grayce Braaten 11:00 AM Mass: +Anella Thompson

Daily Readings

For Week of May 22 to 28

Monday, May 22

Acts 19:1-8 Ps 68:2-3ab,4-5acd,6-7ab In 16:29-33

Tuesday, May 23

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

Wednesday, May 24

Acts 20:28-38 Ps 68:29-30,33-35a,35bc-36ab Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday, May 25

Acts 22:30;23:6-11 Ps 16:1-2a,5,7-8,9-10,11 Jn 17:20-26 Friday, May 26

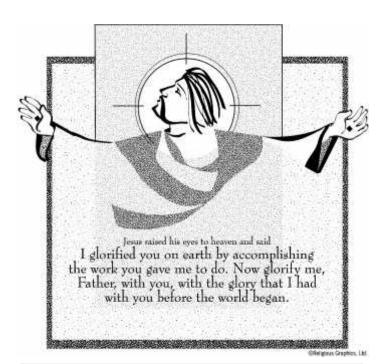
Acts 25:13b-21 Ps 103:1-2,11-12,19-20ab Jn 21:15-19

Saturday, May 27

Acts 28:16-20,30-31 Ps 11:4,5,7 Jn 21:20-25

Sunday, May 28

Acts 2:1-11 Ps 104:1,24,29-30,31,34 1 Cor 12:3b-7,12-13 Jn 20:19-23



This Week in the Parish

Monday, May 22

7:30 AM Monday's With Mary (Church)

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

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

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

Tuesday, May 23

11:30 AM Finance Council Mtg (St. Kateri Rm) **5:15 PM** Adult Choir Practice (Church)

Wednesday, May 24

6:30 PM Grill and Chill (Social Hall)

Thursday, May 25

9:00 AM Eighth Grade Graduation Mass **10:30 AM** Communion Service (Neilson Place)

7:00 PM Avow Group (St. Elizabeth Rm)

Friday, May 26

9:00 AM Rosary (Chapel)

Saturday, May 27

1:00 PM Elijah Gabrio/Gwen Youso Wedding

4:00 PM Reconciliation (Chapel)

Sunday, May 28

8:35 AM Rosary (Chapel)

8:45 AM Reconciliation (Chapel)

10:30 AM Reconciliation (Chapel)

Please Note:

- * Mass at St. Charles in Pennington starts next Saturday at 4 PM and will run until Labor Day weekend.
- * The Parish Office will close at noon on Friday starting May 25 until September 1.
- * Memorial Day Mass will take place on Monday May 29, 8:30 AM at Holy Cross Cemetery. Please bring your own lawn chair. In case of rain, Mass will move to the church. The Parish Offices will be closed and no Adoration on May 29.

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 con-



tacted. The next class will be June 4. Please contact Kris Jensen at 218-441-4944 or kiensen@stphilipsbemidij.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.

Order of Catholic Initiation of Adults

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

Religious Vocations

Contact Fr. Bill, Fr. Michael or Fr. Christon for more information.

St. Philip's extends condolences to the family of Joyce Pribyl, mother of Marie Foss. May she find rest and peace, and may her family find comfort in God's love.





The St. Philip's Catholic Community congratulates Kaitlyn Graham who celebrated her Profession of Faith, First Eucharist and Confirmation on May 10.

May God abundantly bless her as she continues to grow on her faith journey!

It is with great regret that **Blake Kehoe**, who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last weekend, was not included on the list of confirmands originally published. Congratulations Blake, on receiving the gifts of the Holy Spirit!



The St. Philip's Catholic Community welcomes Baptism through the waters of baptism, Oliver John Burlingame, son of Jon & Morgan Burlingame.

Parish Life

And the winner is...

Congratulations to **Sandy Kucera**, who won the Mother's Day gifts from last weekend's drawing.

Congratulations also to Owen Vigen, Georgine Casement, and Talia Zeman, who were the door-prize winners at last week's Disciples Dinner!

Let's celebrate Fr. Vincent Miller's 25 years of Priestly ministry!

St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Moorhead. Sunday, May 28, 2023 with a Mass of Thanksgiving at 10:00 AM.



Picnic lunch after Mass. Open House 2:00 to 4:00 PM. *No RSVPS are required.

Stewardship of Financial Resources

Monthly Contributions

Monthly Total as of 4/30/23 \$ 93,605.88 **Monthly Budget:** \$105,749.89

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

YTD Actual: \$919,611.26 **YTD Budget:** \$1,163,249.99

2023 Diocesan Annual Appeal

Parish Goal: \$81,917 **Actual:** \$90,962.25 (111.04%)

STEWARDSHIP ~ A HABIT OF THE HEART

DAA Update — Thank you!

Bishop Cozzens and the Office of Stewardship and Development would like to thank the parishioners of St. Philips for making their 2023 goal so early in the Annual Appeal year. Your faith and stewardship of diocesan ministries is a heartening sign of the Holy Spirit working throughout the Diocese of Crookston. God bless you!

Second Collection Today

Today we take up the collection for the **Catholic Communication** Campaign. Your support helps the CCC engage and build Catholic communities in the United States and around the world using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half the funds we collect remain here in the Diocese of Crookston to support local efforts. Be a part of this campaign to spread the gospel message.

Spring has finally sprung!

And with warmer weather, we pull out our shorts, tee shirts, flip flops and the like. Please remember that the church is air conditioned and is usually pretty comfortable compared to the heat that may be outside! Please dress appropriately for Mass, especially if you have a ministry such as usher, greeter, Eucharistic minister, cantor, or lector. Shorts, (especially short shorts, ripped jeans, tank/midriff or strapless tops should not be worn. Men should wear dress pants/khakis; women dress pants or skirt/dress especially when distributing our Lord in Holy Communion. Servers should never wear flip flops.

Please keep the following individuals in your prayers:

Beth Butcher, Brandi Green, Joyce Morin, Eddie Giron and 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.

We Need You!

The Block Party Committee is still looking for individuals who would like to plan the Silent Auction for the upcoming event (August 26). The only prerequisite is a little creativity! If this something that interests you, please call the Parish Office for more information, 218-444-4262.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE.

Last week Planned Parenthood (PP) released its annual report. In one year, PP committed 374,155 abortions—that comes out to 43 abortions per hour and 1 abortion every 84 seconds. According to the report:

- Planned Parenthood commits 208 abortions for every one adoption referral—a 7% drop from previous years.
- Planned Parenthood commits 60 abortions for every 1 prenatal care service—a 29% drop from previous years.
- Miscarriage care & STI testing and treatments dropped
 5% from previous years.

Planned Parenthood's profit rose to \$204.7 million last year. That's the highest on record since 2017. Taxpayer funding also went up. Planned Parenthood received \$1.8 million taxpayer dollars per day last year. Source: Human Life Alliance; human-life.org/product/PUB023/1-the-truth-about-planned-parenthood



Cat.Chat Vacation Bible School

MARVELOUS MYSTERY The Mass Comes Alive

July 31 to August 4, 2023 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Join us as we take a closer look at the Mass, so we can better understand it and deepen our love for Jesus in the Eucharist. Through faith lessons, music, games, crafts, and snacks children will discover more about the Mass, while growing their love for Jesus in the Eucharist.

The Marvelous Mystery VBS is for children age 4 (by September 1, 2023) through 5th Grade (2023 - 2024 school year). Register at: https://stphilipsbemidji.org/vacation-bible-school

Volunteers are needed to help children learn and grow during this fun, faith-filled week. Volunteers can be in 6th Grade and older. Volunteer at: https://stphilipsbemidji.org/vbs-volunteer-opportunities. Contact Kris for Registration or Volunteer information – 441-4944.



St. Philip's Mission Statement:

To Accomplish God's Work

Looking Ahead...

8th Grade Graduation: May 25 at 9 AM

Masses begin at St. Charles, Pennington: May 27 at 4 PM

Red Cross Blood Drive: July 6

Vacation Bible School: July 31-August 4 **End of Summer Block Party:** August 26

Congratulations to the High School Graduating Class of 2023

Elysa Amberg Helen Bartlett Ella Baumgartner Kristen Burnham Mataya Carter **Evelun Cordts** Mason Derbu **Demonte Desrosier** Riley Donaghue **Emily Dondelinger Dawson Draco** Mateja Dreuer Carissa Dudgeon Maxwell Fankhanel Anna Glen Taulor Hanevold Alexandra Hartmann

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Caitlin Peters **Brynn Peterson** Hayley Rice **Amara Roberts** Benjamin Rock Marissa Ronning Matthew Rud Casey Rupp Lanah Schulke Jacob Stanoch Jessa Stau Tasha Tarvin McKenzie Tenney **Emily Thompson** Nghi Tran Ty White Nicholas Yavarow

Ministry Schedule

May 27/28 ~ Pentecost

	Saturday, May 27 5:30 PM	Sunday, May 28 7:30 AM	Sunday, May 28 9:00 AM	Sunday, May 28 11:00 AM
SACRISTAN	Betty Lindy	Brad Arel	Joann Gardner	Connie Aagard
INTRO TO MASS ANNOUNCER	James Hodges	Cynthia Haskin	Mollie Rupp	Carol Rettinger
LECTOR 1	Roger Heger	John Carlson	Daniel Froelich	Laura Hansen
LECTOR 2	Peggy Neumann	Pam Murray	Daniel Froelich	Emily Vincent
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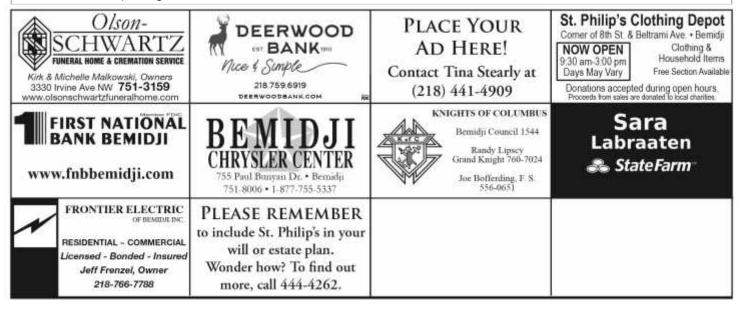
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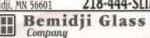
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