

ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH

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2500 Scenic Hwy NE, Pennington, MN
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until Labor Day Weekend

Newman Catholic Ministries

BSU/NWTC

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

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Tamara Moore

Please call the Parish Office for information.

“But who do you say that I am.”

August 27, 2023

In today's Gospel we have an early example of an opinion poll. And it was Jesus himself who conducted it. Even though it was a very limited one, it concerned a central issue: the identity of Jesús.

Today we have a glut of polls. One thing polls show us is the variety and often contradictory views people can have about any particular issue or individual. The poll in the Gospel bears this out. We see that the people came up with a variety of answers to the crucial question as to who Jesus was.

The question Jesus raised with the apostles was not a trick one or a trivial one. It was a very serious question. It is a question that resounds through the entire Gospel. It is the main question of the Gospel. It concerns the identity of Jesus. Everything hinges of this. He did not pluck this question out of the air. It was a question that obviously was on the lips of everyone: ‘who is this man Jesus?’

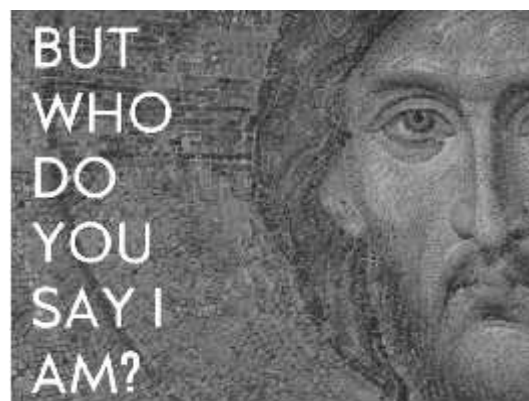
Having heard what others were saying, Jesus then turned to the apostles and asked, **“But who do you say that I am.”** No doubt he already knew what they thought. Still, he gave them the opportunity to express it themselves. We can only marvel at how Jesus said nothing to Simon but waited for the Father to speak to him first.

Jesus asks us this very same question every day. It is important for us to come up with our own answers. To be able to state our own beliefs and values as a Christian. It is no longer sufficient to repeat the official answer. We must make the faith our own. A second-hand faith is no longer acceptable. **“But who do you say that I am.”**

I often imagine that as I approach the Holy Eucharist to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus. The very presence of Jesus in my life. I imagine Jesus turning to me and asking, **“But who do you say that I am.”** What would your answer be?

Jesus loves you,

Fr. Bill



Mass Times

Saturday 4:00 PM (St. Charles)
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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Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 27, 2023

Save the servant
who trusts in you, Lord!

Mass Intentions

For Week of August 28 to September 3

Monday, Aug 28

8:30 AM Mass: +John Pulczynski

Tuesday, Aug 29

6:30 PM Mass: Special Intentions for Mitchell Olson

Wednesday, Aug 30

8:30 AM Mass: Special Intentions

Thursday, Aug 31

8:30 AM Mass: +Gracie & +Terry Terres

Friday, Sept 1

8:30 AM Mass: +Susie Dahle

Saturday, Sept 2

4:00 PM Mass (Pennington): +Margaret Welle

5:30 PM Mass: +Ray Sauve

Sunday, Sept 3

7:30 AM Mass: +Rachel Gonshorowski

9:00 AM Mass: For the People

11:00 AM Mass: +Peggy Elliott

Daily Readings

For Week of August 28 to September 3

Monday, Aug 28

1 Thes 1:1-5,8b-10

Ps 149:1b-2,3-4,5-6a,9b

Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday, Aug 29

1 Thes 2:1-8

Ps 139:1-3,4-6

Mk 6:17-29

Wednesday, Aug 30

1 Thes 2:9-13

Ps 139:7-8,9-10,11-12ab

Mt 23:27-32

Thursday, Aug 31

1 Thes 3:7-13

Ps 90:3-5a,12-13,14,17

Mt 24:42-51

Friday, Sept 1

1 Thes 4:1-8

Ps 97:1,2b,5-6,10,11-12

Mt 25:1-13

Saturday, Sept 2

1 Thes 4:9-11

Ps 98:1,7-8,9

Mt 25:14-30

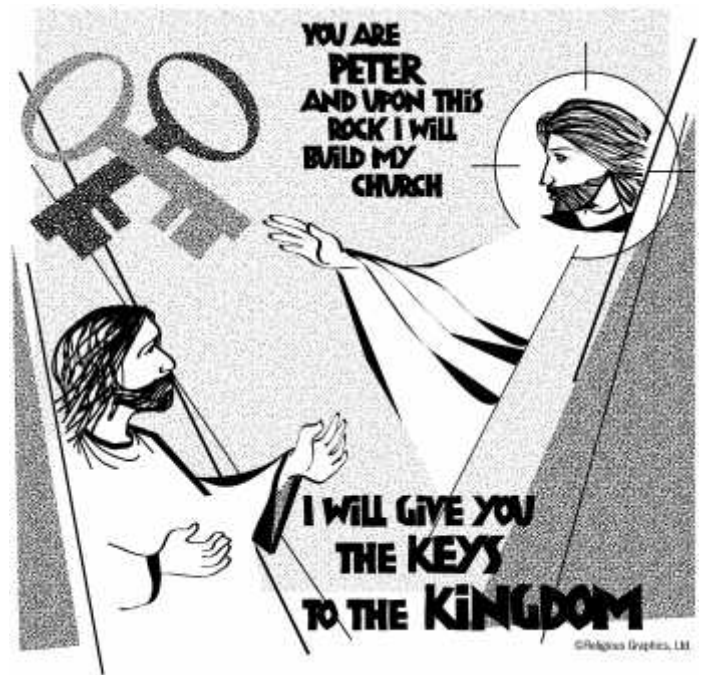
Sunday, Sept 3

Jer 20:7-9

Ps 63:2,3-4,5-6,8-9

Rom 12:1-2

Mt 16:21-27



This Week in the Parish

Monday, Aug 28

8:00 AM Rosary (Church)

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

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

Tuesday, Aug 29

8:00 AM School Open House, Option 1 (Social Hall)

10:00 AM School Open House, Option 2 (Social Hall)

12:00 PM School Open House, Option 3 (Social Hall)

6:30 PM Newman Club (Church, St. Elizabeth Rm)

Wednesday, Aug 30

9:00 AM Rosary (Chapel)

12:00 PM Liturgy Committee Mtg. (St. Kateri Rm)

6:30 PM Grill and Chill (Social Hall)

7:00 PM Holy Hour, for Newman Club students (Church)

Thursday, Aug 31

Friday, Sept 1

No School

9:00 AM Rosary (Chapel)

Saturday, Sept 2

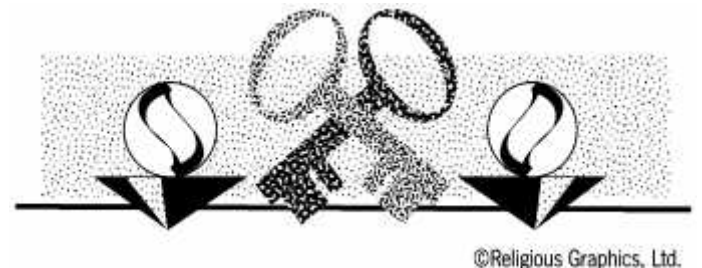
4:00 PM Reconciliation (Chapel)

Sunday, Sept 3

8:35 AM Rosary (Chapel)

8:45 AM Reconciliation (Chapel)

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 **September 10**. 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 or Fr. Michael. If hospitalized, be sure to indicate you are Catholic upon hospital admittance.

Order of Christian 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.

St. Philip's extends condolences to the families of **Marilyn Hazen and Peggy Bahr**, mother of Denise Kern. May they find rest and peace, and may their families find comfort in God's love.



Parish Life

ST. PHILIP'S CONFERENCE – SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

As we near the end of the St. Vincent de Paul fiscal year, our parish conference, this year, has assisted over 190 families (480 individuals) with over \$35,000 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. Unfortunately, the need for these services has reached unprecedented levels and for the first time in several years we may have to turn down requests for help due to lack of funds. 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 and simply need a compassionate heart and a computer. 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.'"

Capital Campaign 2023

Thank you to parishioners and visitors alike who have contributed to St. Philip's 2023 Capital Campaign. We have raised \$445,148 of the \$500,000 goal, which is **89% of goal**. We are grateful to accept contributions by cash or check (envelopes available in the church lobbies), online, IRA disbursements, estate gifts, and pledges. Thank you for your prayers and contributions!

Stewardship of Financial Resources

Monthly Contributions

Monthly Total as of 7/31/23	\$ 89,581.50
Monthly Budget:	\$ 80,627.08

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

YTD Actual:	\$147,607.85	YTD Budget:	\$161,254.16
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STEWARDSHIP ~ A HABIT OF THE HEART

Rosary Leaders Needed

Do you pray the rosary? Would you be willing to take a few minutes out of your day to pray the rosary at the nursing home in the chapel? What a gift this would be to elderly residents that have a devotion to Mary and so many things to pray for and much time to do it. We are looking for a volunteer or two to pray the rosary with Catholic residents at 11 AM at the Havenwood chapel (activity room). The rosary is said the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. We currently have one volunteer and looking for a 2nd volunteer to share the schedule and/or a 3rd to serve as a backup if the other two have a conflict. Call or text Kim Klinger at 701-740-1685. Thank you.

Womens Cursillo Retreat

September 21-24 at the Crookston Retreat Center. Looking for a chance to grow in faith and knowledge? Join us for the upcoming Cursillo. Sue Hengel will be directing the retreat and Fr. Joseph Kennady from Kelliher will be the Spiritual Director. Cursillo is a wonderful chance to get away from the busyness of life and spend some time with Jesus. For more information, please contact Fr. Bill.



"The Church has consistently taught that every human life is precious and worthy of protection."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Another Look at Abortion" respectlife.org/another-look-at-abortion

Carmelite Corner

Lay Carmelites of The Most Pure Heart of Mary

After the Carmelite friars resettled in Europe in the 15th century, the friars organized like minded lay people. In 1452, Pope Nicholas V, laid the foundations for the second, third, and confraternities of the scapula. The second order lived in convents, the third order lived in the community and took promises of obedience and chastity in accordance to their state. The confraternities did not take vows, however they followed a Christian lifestyle.

The next meeting will be September 19, at 5 PM, in the St. Elizabeth room. Call Pat Sturk at 218-398-0814 if you have questions.

Bemidji Area Church Musicians 2023 SUMMER RECITAL SERIES *Our 36th Season*

Wednesday, August 30 ~ 12:00 PM

Sarah Carlson, organ

First Lutheran Church
9th Street and Bemidji Ave N

Free-will offering to support music scholarships. Luncheon served following recital. Cost to be announced.

CREDO – OCIA Program for 2023

St. Philip's 2023-2024 OCIA Program begins soon!

If you have had questions as to why we, as Catholics, do what we do; if you attend Mass with friends or loved ones but are not yet Catholic and may be contemplating the faith; if you are a "Cradle Catholic" who may not have been fully catechized, or may have forgotten the beautiful and abundant information of our faith—we invite you to join us on **Thursday, September 7 at 6:30 PM** in the **St. Kateri Room** to learn more about our rich Catholic traditions as we offer our **OCIA** program called **Credo**, which means "I BELIEVE." Credo is designed as a Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, **OCIA (formerly RCIA)**, but all are welcome to join along with our **OCIA** class.

Come to learn what we believe and why, along with the biblical foundation. **Credo** is written and presented by the Dominican Friars and the Thomistic Institute of Washington, DC. They have helped to shape the intellectual and scholarly life of the church for over 8 centuries, by teaching and preserving sacred truths through generations.

We are very excited to be able to offer this program not only to our RCIA Candidates & Catechumens, but also to everyone in the parish – with unlimited on-line streaming video available. You can join us for all of the sessions, or, just brush up on the questions you have that need answers. We hope to see you on **Thursday, September 7 at 6:30 PM in the St. Philip's St. Kateri Room.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Deacon Kermit Erickson or Deacon Robb Naylor, (218) 444-4262
kerickson@stphilipsbemidji.org | rnaylor@stphilipsbemidji.org

St. Philip's Mission Statement:

To Accomplish God's Work

Holy Souls/Purgatory Devotions

It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins. (2 Maccabees 12:46)

One of the most significant events in recent Church history is Vatican II. This series of councils from 1962 to 1965 set in motion a number of Church reforms. A major outcome of Vatican II was increased participation for laity in the Mass. Unfortunately, a side-effect of this outcome was the decrease in what had been a source of Church participation for many – popular pious devotions. Lay devotional groups such as Rosary Societies, Altar Guilds, Purgatorial Societies, and Legions of Mary all decreased as liturgical participation opportunities increased.

A simple Google search shows, within the last decade, encouragement for popular pious devotions has resurfaced in our Catholic culture. Guided by the Catechism of the Church (CCC 1674-1676), Church governing bodies and individual parishes are reestablishing societies organized around popular pious devotions. Purgatorial Societies are among those experiencing a rebirth. The most notable example of this is the Archdiocese of Detroit establishing a Confraternity for Holy Souls (aod.org), and asking each of its parishes to form a Purgatorial Society to pray for souls.

Should we consider establishing a Purgatorial Society here at St. Philip's? May the Holy Spirit guide us in discerning this question. As we travel through this discernment process, please feel free to contact Pat Welch (Phone 218-444-5859) or Eric Dralle (Text or Phone 641-220-0538) with any questions or concerns you might have.

This week, pray for souls who died sudden violent deaths in war, crime, and natural disasters.

BECOMING CATHOLIC



Dear St. Philip's Catholic Community,

The St. Philip's **OCIA Program** (formerly known as RCIA) will begin on **September 7, 2023, at 6:30 PM in the St. Kateri Room.** OCIA stands for **Order of Christian Initiation of Adults.** It is the process by which non-Catholic adults come into full communion with the Church. OCIA is *also* suited for those currently Catholic who haven't yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Classes and the formation process bring the candidates (*baptized*) and catechumens (*non-baptized*) through significant parts of our liturgical year, such as Advent, Lent and Easter, culminating with the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Saturday Easter Vigil service, in the spring of 2024.

Classes begin with an **"Inquiry Night" at 6:30 PM, Thursday, September 7 in the St. Kateri Room.** All materials are provided and there is no cost to participants. The OCIA classes are open to baptized or unbaptized non-Catholics, as well as those who were baptized Catholic, but have not yet received the Sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation.

Formation consists of several areas including: *Scripture* = the Stories of God's People; *Teaching* = What Catholics Believe; *Prayer* = How we Communicate with God; *Liturgy* = How the Community Worships; and *Mission* = How we Live out What we Believe.

The OCIA program is a *journey in faith* not only for the participants, but also our entire St. Philip's Catholic Community, where we all share in the richness of the Catholic Church and our Parish family. Those interested are invited to learn what the Church teaches and become better acquainted with our Parish and its members. These sessions are also opportunities for participants to ask questions they may have about the Catholic faith and to discover the countless blessings God provides to us through His Church.

Please recommend this process to those you believe (*family members, friends, and acquaintances*) would be interested in coming into full communion with the Catholic Church. And, please include our St. Philip's OCIA program, participants, and Team in your prayers.

Those interested are asked to contact OCIA Program Co-Directors, Dcn Kermit Erickson, kerickson@stphilipsbemidji.org and Dcn Robb Naylor, rnaylor@stphilipsbemidji.org or leave a message at the Parish Office, 218-444-4262 and you will be contacted directly.

Blessings,
Dcn. Kermit and Dcn. Robb
St. Philip's Church - RCIA Program Team

Looking Ahead...

First day of school at St. Philip's: August 30
OCIA (formerly RCIA) Inquiry Night: September 7
Ministry Expo: September 30-October 1
First day of Faith Formation: October 4
American Red Cross Blood Drive: October 19

Please keep the following individuals in your prayers:

Lloyd Holy, Angel Krigbaum, Joann Stradtman,
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.*

Ministry Schedule

September 2/3 ~ Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Saturday, Sept 2 5:30 PM <i>No deacon</i>	Sunday, Sept 3 7:30 AM <i>No deacon</i>	Sunday, Sept 3 9:00 AM	Sunday, Sept 3 11:00 AM
SACRISTAN	Connie Aagard	Help Please	Tracie Walter	Help Please
INTRO TO MASS/ INTERCESSOR IF NEEDED	James Hodges	Carol Schneider	Marilynne Hodapp Dcn Kermit - Intercessor	Emily Vincent Dcn Robb -Intercessor
LECTOR 1	James Hodges	Sue Bruns	Phil Hodapp	Laura Hansen
LECTOR 2	Connie Aagard	Judy Stai	Kevin Erpelding	Carol Rettinger
CAPTAIN EMHC	Betty Lindy	Help Please	Joe Bofferding (sub req.)	Susie Balstad
EMHC	Glenn Aagard Mary Jo Christenson Myrna Corvelli Mary Dufault Pat Gavin Cyndy Scanlan Marleen Webb	Christi Brooks Jake Hodapp Joan Klobe Sharon Zarrett Help Please Help Please Help Please	Alex Froelich Tom Kern Kim Klinger Eleanor Morin Mary Varriano Suzi Whalen Help Please	Courtney Haskins Judith Selby Help Please Help Please Help Please Help Please Help Please
ALTAR SERVERS	Beau Mathiowetz Andrew Wells Help Please	Elizabeth Brooks Felicity Brooks Help Please	Help Please Help Please Help Please	Emma Beise Hadley Seitz Help Please
USHER	Chris Hanevold Glen Laginess Cyndy Scanlan Help Please	David Brooks Cooper Malkowski Kirk Malkowski James Wiltse	Miles Gish Sam Gish Phil Hodapp Bob Schlichting	Peter Mathews Leo Mathews Help Please Help Please
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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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