

ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH

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November 12, 2023

St. Philip's Church

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St. Charles Pennington

2500 Scenic Hwy NE, Pennington, MN
4 p.m. Saturdays from Memorial Weekend
until Labor Day Weekend

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BSU/NWTC

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

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Open 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. T, W, Th, Fri

Manager:

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Tamara Moore

Please call the Parish Office for information.

I Must

What Compelled Jesus to Serve His Father?

As the oldest child in my family, my dominant motivation in doing things has been a sense of responsibility. However, as I have moved along in life, I have longed to be motivated more from the heart so that the focus is not on **my** "need" to do the right thing and more on the good of the other person.

In the September issue of Word Among Us, there was a series of articles on what motivated or "compelled" Jesus to be in God's presence and do his will. This was really helpful and interesting so I decided to summarize the reflections in the first article and share it with you..

In Luke's gospel (Luke 2:49) Jesus' response to his parent's questions when they finally find him in the Temple is: "Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house? We don't usually like to be told what we have to do. So when Jesus says "I must be in my Father's house, it can sound like he does not have much choice. But how is it possible for Jesus to be compelled? Did not he, more than any of us, have the freedom to do whatever he felt like doing?

There was no threat of punishment or harsh consequences hanging over his head if he chose a different path. The compulsion did not come from an external source, like a supervisor at work or an impatient parent. Rather, the compulsion was something internal. That compulsion was **love**. From the beginning of time, the Father poured his love into his Son, and his Son returned that love to his Father. Because Jesus loved his Father so deeply, his Father's desires became his desires.

This is the love that compelled Jesus that day in the temple when he was just twelve years old, and it is the same love that compelled him every day of his life. Even when he was weary and worn out, he never tired of doing his Father's will.

Jesus' love for his Father spills over eternally to us. He is just as committed to us as he is to the Father. His desire to care for us according to his Father's will was the driving force behind everything he did for us. It is why he sent us his Spirit and gave us the Church.

It was not just Jesus who felt compelled in this way. Jeremiah was called by God to speak to the people, but at times wanted to resist. However, there was something so captivating about God's word that he **had** to keep proclaiming it. St. Paul also knew this experience. Writing to believers at Corinth, he said, "The love of Christ impels us." (2Cor. 5:14) Everyone can experience this inner desire to serve the Lord.

Jesus has invited all of us to follow him and chosen us to "go and bear much fruit that will remain." And he has given us the Holy Spirit who has "poured the love of God into our hearts." (Rom. 5:5) Each of us will feel compelled to serve the Lord in different ways. In every situation, the Spirit is with us to help us say, I **must** do my Father's will. And every time we do, we will draw a little closer to the Lord and know his love a little more deeply. ~ Fr. John

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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Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 12, 2023

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want!

Mass Intentions

For November 11 to 19

Saturday, Nov 11

5:30 PM Mass: +Neil & +Rose Gallagher

Sunday, Nov 12

7:30 AM Mass: +Alvin & +Catherine West

9:00 AM Mass: For the People

11:00 AM Mass: +Greg Rasmus

Monday, Nov 13

8:30 AM Mass: +Steven F. Szymanski

Tuesday, Nov 14

6:30 PM Mass: +Ray Rasmus

Wednesday, Nov 15

8:30 AM School Mass: Special Intentions for Thomas Gratkowski

Thursday, Nov 16

8:30 AM Mass: Special Intentions for Fr. John Kleinwachter

Friday, Nov 17

8:30 AM Mass: Special Intentions for David Casement & Family

Saturday, Nov 18

5:30 PM Mass: +Ira Batchelder

Sunday, Nov 19

7:30 AM Mass: Special Intentions for Gwen Cwikla & Family

9:00 AM Mass: +Bobbi Ann Evans

11:00 AM Mass: For the People

Daily Readings

For Week of November 13 to 19

Monday, Nov 13

Wis 1:1-7

Ps 139:1b-3,4-6,7-8,9-10

Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday, Nov 14

Wis 2:23-3:9

Ps 34:2-3,16-17,18-19

Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday, Nov 15

Wis 6:1-11

Ps 82:3-4,6-7

Lk 17:11-19

Thursday, Nov 16

Wis 7:22b-8:1

Ps 119:89,90,91,130,135,175

Lk 17:20-25

Friday, Nov 17

Wis 13:1-9

Ps 19:2-3,4-5ab

Lk 17:26-37

Saturday, Nov 18

Wis 18:14-16;19:6-9

Ps 105:2-3,36-37,42-43

Lk 18:1-8

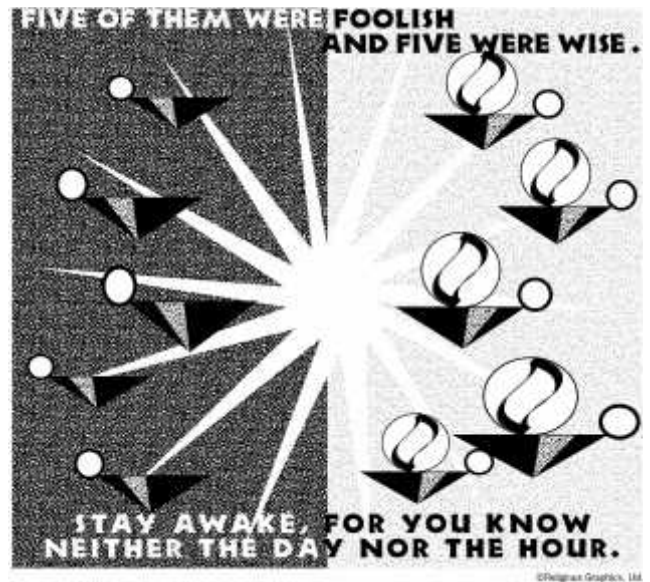
Sunday, Nov 19

Prv 31:10-13,19-20,30-31

Ps 128:1-2,3,4-5

1 Thes 5:1-6

Mt 25:14-30



This Week in the Parish

Sunday, Nov 12

8:35 AM Rosary (Chapel)

8:45 AM Reconciliation (Chapel)

10:30 AM Reconciliation (Chapel)

6:00 PM Newman Club (Social Hall)

Monday, Nov 13

7:15 AM to 2:30 PM School Book Fair (Social Hall)

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

6:00 PM Parent Association (Social Hall)

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

Tuesday, Nov 14

7:15 AM to 5:30 PM School Book Fair (Social Hall)

11:45 AM School Council Mtg (St. Kateri Rm)

5:15 PM Adult Choir Practice (Church)

6:00 PM Rosary (Chapel)

6:30 PM Newman Club (Church, Social Hall)

7:00 PM Men's Basketball (Gym)

Wednesday, Nov 15

7:15 AM to 11:00 AM School Book Fair (Social Hall)

9:20 AM Rosary (Chapel)

9:45 AM Divine Mercy Cenacle (St. Kateri Rm)

6:30 PM Faith Formation, grades 1-11

Thursday, Nov 16

7:30 AM to 8:00 AM Adoration (Church)

10:30 AM Communion Service (Havenwood)

4:45 PM Society of St. Vincent de Paul Mtg (St. Kateri Rm)

5:00 PM Blessed Sacrament Healing Ministry Mtg (Chapel)

6:10 PM KC Mtg (Social Hall)

6:30 PM OCIA-*The Holy Spirit, The Church* (St. Kateri Rm)

7:00 PM Eucharistic Revival Team Mtg (Social Hall)

Friday, Nov 17

9:00 AM Rosary (Chapel)

10:30 AM Bible Study - *The Activated Disciple* (St. Kateri Rm)

Saturday, Nov 18

9:00 AM to 2:00 PM First Reconciliation Faith Finders (Social Hall)

10:00 AM Prayer Hour at Planned Parenthood

4:00 PM Reconciliation (Chapel)

6:45 PM Turkey Bingo (Social Hall)

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8:35 AM Rosary (Chapel)

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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 **December 3**. 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.

Parish Life

Employment Opportunity

The Diocese of Crookston seeks a **full-time Staff Accountant** who is a self-motivated and team-orientated professional of high integrity possessing a great work ethic and passion to fulfill the Catholic Church's mission. The position will be based at St. Philip's Church in Bemidji and will provide accounting services to Catholic parishes in Bemidji and the surrounding area. Duties include cash receipts, cash disbursements, payroll, preparation of monthly financial reports, and preparation of budgets. The position is 40 hours per week and offers full benefits (including paid time off, health and dental insurance, life and long-term disability insurance, and pension). A four-year accounting degree and knowledge of Microsoft Excel is required. To apply, send a resume with cover letter and references to Chad Ryan at ryan@crookston.org. Position open until filled.

Parish Administrator Employment Listing

St. Philip's Catholic Church seeks a **full-time Parish Administrator** in. The ideal candidate is a self-motivated and team-orientated professional of high integrity who possesses a great work ethic and is passionate about fulfilling the Catholic Church's mission. The Parish Administrator will assist with all aspects of parish business operations.

Applicant must be a practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church. Also required to have earned a Bachelor's degree in business administration, management, or accounting. Must be proficient with MS Office, Outlook, and other technology as required. Experience in stewardship principles & fundraising preferred. Full-time position (requires occasional evening and weekend work) with excellent benefit package.

For more information, contact Fr. Bill DeCrans at 218-441-4901.

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).

Stewardship of Financial Resources

Until the position of Bookkeeper/Accountant is filled, we will not be able to publish the financial information in the bulletin. Thank you for your understanding and continued financial

St. Mary's Mission Appeal

Please begin praying, "Lord Jesus, help me give the gift of hope." Watch your mailboxes for the St. Mary's Mission Appeal or bring your gift to Mass on November 25 & 26. Your generosity provides students' hope through the gift of a faith-filled education, two free meals a day, and the skills to be successful for a lifetime!



Saturday, November 18, 2023
6:45 p.m. until turkeys/pies are gone

St. Philip's Social Hall
Proceeds Benefit Youth Activities

*cash/check only—No credit cards (due to MN gaming laws)
*cards \$5 each for the night. Tickets for food for purchase.
*Sign up to volunteer: <https://volunteersignup.org/7PP9X>

Calling All Snowbirds!

The time is fast approaching when our snowbirds will be thinking about making their journey south. It would be very helpful if you would contact the Parish Office by phone or email to let us know when you will be leaving, returning in the spring and for us to have your snowbird address. This will allow us to pause envelope mailing and forward tax statements. Send this information to rector@stphilipsbemidji.org or call the Parish Office at 218-444-4262. Thank you!

November Pastoral Council Meeting Summary

-] Toured the Little Saints Daycare building. It looks fantastic.
-] Discussed the Financial Statement in the bulletin.
-] The capital campaign is complete.
-] Heat on the school is on with no leaks.

Christmas Youth Choir

Anyone in grades 4-8 is invited to join. Limit of 20 youth! We will have 2 practices: December 6 and December 13, after school until 4 PM. We will lead the music at the **4 PM Christmas Eve Mass!** If interested, contact Bonnie Lee to sign up: blee1@stphilipsbemidji.org or call direct line 218-441-4905.

Ride to Mass Request

We have a parishioner that lives in Bemidji who is looking for someone to provide a ride to and from the 9 AM Mass Sundays through the winter months. If you would like to help out, call the Parish Office for contact information. Thank you!

New & Improved Book Fair coming soon!

We are trying something new this year!!! St. Philip's Catholic School Library has partnered with **Four Pines Bookstore** of Bemidji for our annual book fair.

Shopping at the St. Philip's Book Fair is a great way to support our school library and a local business.



If you would like to volunteer (must be safe environment certified) contact Mrs. Ness. For questions or more information: Stacy Ness, ssness1@stphilipsbemidji.org

PREVIEW DAY ONLY

Nov 8, Students only

CONFERENCES

Nov 9, 8 AM-6 PM

BEFORE & AFTER MASS

Nov 11, 5 PM-7:00 PM

Nov 12, 7 AM-12:30 PM

Open to family & friends during the school week!

Visitors, please stop and get a pass from the office.

Nov 13, 7:15 AM-2:30 PM

Nov 14, 7:15 AM-5:30 PM

Nov 15, 7:15 AM-11:00 AM



ABORTIONS INCREASE 20% IN MINNESOTA

Abortions in Minnesota rose 20% in 2022, according to a report released in late June by the Minnesota Dept. of Health (MDH). The sharp increase comes as state lawmakers enacted sweeping no-limits-throughout-pregnancy abortion policy and repealed numerous longstanding abortion laws, including parts of the reporting law that provides the annual abortion information release by MDH. **The 2022 total of 12,175 abortions** is the highest since 2009 and defies a long-term downward trend that saw abortions drop 48% from 1980 to 2015. *Abortion Report from MCCL News, Vol. 53 No. 3, pages 1 & 5; July-Sept. 2023*

St. Gianna's Group Poster Contest

St. Gianna's Group has kicked off the Pro-Life poster contest in preparation for the March For Life in January 2024. All children K-8 are welcome to submit posters to the contest. Contact the St. Philip's School Office, 218-444-4938, or Kris Jensen 218-441-4944 for more information. Deadline for the contest is Dec 20.

Please keep the following individuals in your prayers:

Gloria Gary, Jack Baker, Ron Arel, Lloyd Holy, Angel Krigbaum, Joann Stradtmann, Beth Butcher, Brandi Green, 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.*

Carmelite Corner

Lay Carmelites of The Most Pure Heart of Mary

Last Sunday's gospel talks about the Pharisees that talk the talk but not walking the walk. This is a good example of following our false self. St. John of the Cross talks about, when Christians on the spiritual journey think they are better than they really are. This is false self. The false self surrounds itself with symbols of wealth, esteem and control what are healed important in the world. The false self is selfish and strives to bolster its fragile ego. It doesn't want to know the true self, hiding the truth any way it can. Jesus calls us to being dead to our false self to advance in our spiritual journey. Humility is the antidote to false self.

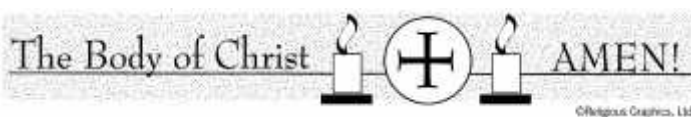
The next meeting of the Lay Carmelite is Tuesday, November 21 at 5 PM in the St. Kateri Room. Call Pat Sturk for information. 218-398-0814.

Knights of Columbus Council #1544 meets Thursday, Nov 16. Rosary 6:10 PM; Mass 6:30; Dinner 7 PM and short business meeting to follow. If you are a new member of the parish and wish to transfer your membership to the Bemidji Council, contact Financial Secretary Joe Bofferding: 218-556-0651. If you would like more information on the Knights scan this code:



Foster the Family Support Group

Are you a foster or adoptive mom? Come join us for Foster the Family Moms Support Group at Bemidji Evangelical Free Church, on the second Monday of every month from 6 to 8 PM. This is a time of networking, training and support, uniquely tailored to foster moms. Childcare is provided, and training certificates are available. Questions, contact Mandi Buchan at mjwshutterbug@gmail.com



Little Flowers to Start

Little Flowers Girls Club will begin meetings after school, on Monday, November 20 in the Social Hall. It is open to all girls of St. Philip's School/Parish Kindergarten and up. Younger girls (Pre-K, K-Prep) if worked out between parent and Little Flowers leaders. For information, Call Gerri (218)209-6906.

43rd Annual Community Thanksgiving Meal

This year, Thanksgiving dinners will be delivered to those who are homebound. Requests must be made by noon on Friday, November 17, to guarantee delivery. Call Karen at 218-308-4505 to request your delivery or to volunteer to be a driver for meal deliveries.



To volunteer, call Karen at 218-308-4505. Help is need to prep food on Wednesday, November 22 from 5-7 PM at the Eagle's Club, and on Thursday, November 23 (kitchen, preparing delivery containers, and cleanup) at various shifts from 8 AM to 1 PM at the Eagles Club.

Monetary donations welcome. Checks may be made to *Bemidji Community Meals* and sent to LaMae Ritchie, 1424 Otterpoint Ln SW, Bemidji, MN 56601.

Local Happenings

St. Peter's Catholic Church Annual Fall Bazaar and Bake Sale.

Saturday, November 18 in St. Peter's Parish Center from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Coffee & Caramel Rolls will be served at 9:00 AM and lunch is served from 11:00 AM until 1:30 PM. A Children's Dollar Store, door prize drawings (must be present to win), area crafters will be displaying their crafts for sale and St. Peter's parishioners will be selling their fresh baked goodies at the bake sale. 305 W 5th Str, Park Rapids, MN.

Holiday Craft Fair & Bake Sale. Saturday, November 18 from 9 AM to 2:00 PM. Lunch available. Including Lefse & Krumkake. Sponsored by Sacred Heart Church and PEO Chapter EX of Bemidji. 135 3rd Street NW, Wilton.

Bemidji Sunrise Rotary Gourmet Meal. Saturday, November 18 from 5 to 7 PM at Bemidji Eagles Club. Serving pork loin, roasted potatoes, salad, peas, variety of desserts. Cost: \$20, adults. \$10 for children under 12 years old. Thanks for supporting Sunrise Rotary!

Ministry Schedule

November 18/19 ~ Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Saturday, November 18 5:30 PM	Sunday, November 19 7:30 AM	Sunday, November 19 9:00 AM	Sunday, November 19 11:00 AM
SACRISTAN	Janet Moris	David Hoefer	John Marcum	Sue Hengel
INTRO TO MASS	James Hodges	Marilynne Hodapp	Cheryl Larson	Karen Merschman
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Your Parish Representatives:

Parish Council Members: Dave Brooks, Jamie Glen, Marilynne Hodapp, Mike Hougen, Kim Klinger, Betty Lindy, Libby Olderman, Mary Rindahl, Ryan Taylor, Tracie Walter.

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

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