

ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH

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December 3, 2023

St. Philip's Church

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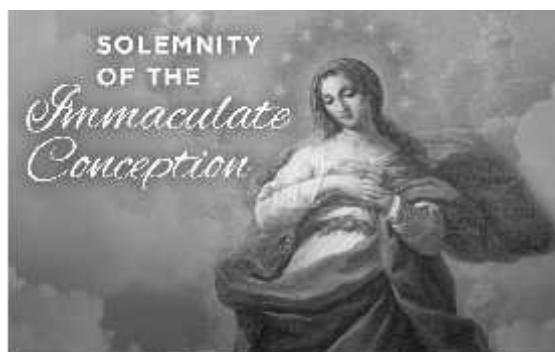
While a month yet remains in the civil year, the Church is celebrating the beginning of a new Liturgical year with the First Sunday of Advent on December 3rd. Advent — from the Latin *ad venio*, “to come” — is the liturgical season anticipating the *Adventus Domini*, the “coming of the Lord.” While the days grow shorter and colder, we prepare for the “Sun of Justice” who comes to kindle our hearts with his light and his love. The Eternal Word, who is outside of time, became Incarnate in time, thereby making all time sacred. In the season of Advent, we await the coming of Christ on all the levels which we experience time: *in the past* — as an infant in the stable of Bethlehem; *in the present* — as grace in our souls; and *in the future* — as the Judge at the end of time.

The Advent season is filled with preparation and expectation. Many people are getting ready for Christmas — shopping and decorating, baking and cleaning. Too often, however, we are so busy with the material preparations that we lose sight of the real reason for our activity: the Word made flesh coming to dwell among us. Christians are urged to preserve the spiritual focus of Christmas amidst the prevailing secular and consumer-driven society.

In the midst of the hustle and bustle of the season, let us strive to keep Advent a season of waiting and longing, of conversion and hope, meditating often on the incredible love and humility of our God in taking on flesh of the Virgin Mary. In our shopping and baking, let us remember to purchase and prepare something for the poor. When we clean our homes, let us distribute some of our possessions to those who lack many necessities. While we are decking the halls of our homes, let us not forget to prepare a peaceful place in our hearts wherein our Savior may come to dwell.

In Christ,

Fr. Michael



The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holyday of Obligation in the Catholic Church. There are three opportunities to celebrate this feast at St. Philip's:

Vigil Mass on Thursday, Dec 7 at 6:30 PM
Friday, Dec 8 at 8:30 AM (School Mass)
Friday, Dec 8 at 6:30 PM

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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First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2023

I lift up my soul, to you,
O my God!

Mass Intentions

For December 2 to 10

Saturday, Dec 2

5:30 PM Mass: For the People

Sunday, Dec 3

7:30 AM Mass: +Jeanette Goettl

9:00 AM Mass: +John Grahek

11:00 AM Mass: +Lillian Huderle

Monday, Dec 4

8:30 AM Mass: +Margaret Vishneski

Tuesday, Dec 5

6:30 PM Mass: +Nancy Winger

Wednesday, Dec 6

8:30 AM Mass: +Colleen Mae Kelly Nyland

Thursday, Dec 7

8:30 AM Mass: +Linda Kooyer-Johnson

10:30 AM Mass (Havenwood): +Marilyn Beck

6:30 PM Vigil Mass: Special Intentions for Oliver Nihart & Fam

Friday, Dec 8 Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 AM Sch Mass: For the People

6:30 PM Mass: +Timothy Wiltse

Saturday, Dec 9

5:30 PM Mass: Special Intentions for Keith Hicklen

Sunday, Dec 10

7:30 AM Mass: +Evelyn Schuiling

9:00 AM Mass: For the People

11:00 AM Mass: +Doug St. Onge

Daily Readings

For Week of December 4 to 10

Monday, Dec 4

Is 2:1-5

Ps 122:1-2,3-4b,4cd-5,6-7,8-9

Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday, Dec 5

Is 11:1-10

Ps 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17

Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday, Dec 6

Is 25:6-10a

Ps 23:1-3a,3b-4,5,6

Mt 15:29-37

Thursday, Dec 7

Is 26:1-6

Ps 118:1,8-9,19-21,25-27a

Mt 7:21,24-27

Friday, Dec 8

Gn 3:9-15,20

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

Eph 1:3-6,11-12

Lk 1:26-38

Saturday, Dec 9

Is 30:19-21,23-26

Ps 147:1-2,3-4,5-6

Mt 9:35—10:1,5a,6-8

Sunday, Dec 10

Is 40:1-5,9-11

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

2 Pt 3:8-14

Mk 1:1-8



This Week in the Parish

Sunday, Dec 3

8:35 AM Rosary (Chapel)

8:45 AM Reconciliation (Chapel)

10:30 AM Reconciliation (Chapel)

4:00 PM Wake for Ann Loeffler, prayer service at 5:00 PM (Church)

Monday, Dec 4

11:00 AM Funeral for Ann Loeffler, visitation at 10:00 AM

12:00 PM to 8:00 PM Adoration (Chapel)

3:00 PM Little Flowers (Social Hall)

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

Tuesday, Dec 5

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

5:15 PM Adult Choir Practice (Church)

6:00 PM Rosary (Chapel)

6:00 PM KC Board Mtg (Social Hall)

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

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

7:00 PM Men's Basketball (Gym)

Wednesday, Dec 6

9:20 AM Rosary (Chapel)

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

3:00 PM Youth Choir Practice (Church)

6:30 PM Faith Formation, grades 1-11

Thursday, Dec 7

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

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

6:30 PM OCIA-Baptism and Confirmation (St. Kateri Rm)

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

Friday, Dec 8 Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 AM Rosary (Chapel)

6:00 PM Rosary (Chapel)

Saturday, Dec 9

9:00 AM All Pro Dads (Social Hall)

4:00 PM Reconciliation (Chapel)

Sunday, Dec 10

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)

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.

The St. Philip's Catholic Community welcomes through the waters of baptism, **Peyton Marie Johnson**, daughter of Kent and Samantha Johnson.



Parish Life

Christmas Choir

10 PM Mass on Christmas Eve. 8th graders through adult are invited to join the Christmas Choir singing at the 10:00 PM Mass on Christmas Eve.

Our rehearsals will be **Tuesday, December 5, 12, and 19th from 5:15 – 6:15 PM**. Former choir members and members of other choirs or cantors are encouraged to sing in the choir!

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.

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. All memorials will be published in the parish bulletin after the Christmas season.

"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.

- ◆ Pick out a 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 bow windows at the back of the church (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.



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

Kanon Anderson
John Arel
Declan Boe
Simon Breczinski
Soren Chock
Addison Efta
Emmitt Engel
Peter Feldt
Julia Frenzel
Harper Friedt
Kennedy Geffre
Martin Geiger
Oliver Hemstad

Brody Jensen
Schei Jilek
Oliver Kirby
Jack Kramer
Isaac Lock
Ava Lundin
Levi Lundin
Fynnegan McCollum
Marek Michalek
Timothy Murphy
Alexander Myre
Sheridan O'Beirne
Chase Olson

Freya Owens
Ryan Scofield
Louise Sellheim
Jade Statton
Audrey Templin
Kali Thompson
Bryce Thompson
Lauryn Unman
Reid VonHoldt
Kylie Washburn
Benett Wiering
Vayah Zimmel
Otto Zlonis

Local Happenings

Christmas Carol Community Sing-a-Long. Sunday, December 10 at 3 PM. Cider, coffee and cookies to follow. First Presbyterian Church, 501 Minnesota Ave, Bemidji.

Sankta Lucia. Wednesday, December 13 at 6:00 AM. Celebration and smorgasbord breakfast. Tickets available at Ken K Thompson and Lueken's North or South. Adults, \$25. Youth 8 years and under, \$8. Calvary Lutheran church, 2508 Washington Ave SE Bemidji, MN.

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).

Employment Opportunities

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.

Searching for Staff Accountant

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 cryan@crookston.org. Position open until filled.

Join us for the next

Bemidji Area All Pro Dads



Dad's Day Breakfast

Saturday, December 9 ~ 9:00 to 10:30 AM
St. Philip's Social Hall

We are very excited to invite all father figures and their kids to our annual A.P.D. Christmas Party! An amazing breakfast is planned, followed by several craft projects, involving gingerbread houses and gingerbread men. There will be something for everyone!

For more information go to our website, allprodad.com or for questions, email bemidjiallprodads@gmail.com.

The next All Pro Dad is scheduled for Sat, January 27 for the BSU Rec Center & Pool Party.

Eucharistic Minister Holy Communion (EMHC) Outreach – Temporary Need

Seeking EMHC volunteer to bring communion to residents at Sanford Neilson/Windsong Care Facility. This is a temporary need from mid-January through February, 2024. EMHC pray and bring Holy Communion to residents, assist the priest or deacon with duties at Mass/Communion Service. Currently, there are 20 Catholic residents at the complex. The volunteer schedule is 1 to 2 hours per week on Thursdays at 10:30 AM. Number of hours is flexible to the volunteer and depending if there is more than one volunteer to share the visits or to rotate the weekly schedule. Training is provided. Must be Safe Environment certified. If you feel called to serve your neighbor in a unique and meaningful way or have questions, contact Kim Klinger at 701-740-1685.



Extreme policies shield some future data from the public

Because of legislation enacted this year, future MDH (MN Department of Health) reports will not include comprehensive data, omitting factors that lead women to have abortions as well as information about infants who survive abortion and measures taken to care for them (five born-alive infants were reported in 2021; none were reported in 2022). **Lawmakers in 2023 also repealed Minnesota's requirement that reasonable measures be taken to save the lives of born-alive infants.** MCCL News, Vol. 53, No. 3; July-Sept 2023, pg. 1

St. Philip's Conference – Society of St. Vincent de Paul

We are now two months into our new fiscal year. Due to new volunteers, timely grants received and contributions from our parishioners, we have been able to continue our mission of providing financial relief to those suffering in our community. During this brief period we have assisted with nearly \$4,000 for food, utilities, rent, clothing, gas, car repairs and appliance replacement. Please consider a tax-deductible contribution. 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! Less than 2% of our contributions are used for operating expenses.

"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.'"

~ Matthew 25:40

Men's Faith Formation Opportunity

COR (COR is Latin for *heart*) is a men's faith formation and fraternal opportunity which will kick off in January 2024. It is sponsored by the KC Council but is open to ALL men in the Parish. Watch for more information in coming weeks. Or, call DJ at 218-556-2338.

Ministry Schedule

Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary

	Thursday, Dec 7 6:30 PM	Friday, Dec 8 6:30 PM
SACRISTAN	Joe Bofferding	Jennifer Hoefer
LECTOR 1	Joe Czapiewski	Tony Schussman
LECTOR 2	Help Please	Help Please
CAPTAIN EMHC	Tracie Walter	Help Please
EMHC	Monica Barrette Jamie Glen Mark Studer Mary Varriano	Joe Bofferding Mary Scofield Suzi Whalen George Whalen
ALTAR SERVER	Edward Froelich Evan Spaeth Stella Zachman	Andrew Breczinski John Breczinski Sophia Breczinski
USHER	Mark Froelich Brent Rud James Wiltse	Grant Frenzel David Hoefer James Wiltse
GREETER	Coleen Wiltse	Jane Daniels

Ministry Schedule

December 9/10 ~ Second Sunday of Advent

	Saturday, December 9 5:30 PM	Sunday, December 10 7:30 AM	Sunday, December 10 9:00 AM	Sunday, December 10 11:00 AM
SACRISTAN	Marleen Webb	Brad Arel	Tracie Walter	Connie Aagard
INTRO TO MASS INTERCESSOR	Bernie Marshall Deacon	Jennifer Leisenheimer Deacon	Jill-Ann Walter Deacon	Karen Merschman Deacon
LECTOR 1	Germaine Cheslock	Pam Murray	Mary Walter	Ernest Rall
LECTOR 2	Joe Czapiewski (sub req.)	Carol Schneider	Jill-Ann Walter	Carol Rettinger
CAPTAIN EMHC	Marleen Webb	Help Please	John Marcum	Connie Aagard
EMHC	Mary Dufault Lisa Freise Pat Gavin Kim Klinger Betty Lindy Cindy Marshall Bernie Marshall	Brad Arel John Carlson Cynthia Haskin Kim Klinger Joan Klobe Patti Van Camp Mary Zigan	Stephanie Downey Doug Gish Louise Gish Kim Klinger Kay Mack Dan Walter Tracie Walter	Abby Aylesworth Nancy Goodman Courtney Haskins Gary Johnson Cathy Lalli Nathan Mertens Karen Williams
ALTAR SERVER	Alexander Fraik Beau Mathiowetz (sub req.) Reese Truax	Nicholas Amberg Drew Haskell Molly Haskell	Declan Hunsberger Hannah Lock Rosie Maus	Emma Beise Mallery Vigen Owen Vigen
USHER	Mary Dufault Glen Laginess Richard Lehmann Dick Robinson	Ephram Boucher Bob Murray Jim Schneider James Wiltse	Larry Mack David Maus Sam Maus Luke Rud	Ryan Aylesworth Dave Cwikla Dale Johnson Help Please
GREETER	Lisa Freise Amy Sanden (sub req.)	Pete Kucera Sandy Kucera Peggy Nohner	Ayden Homer Kirsten Zachman	Brenda Borowicz Myrna Cwikla
HOSPITALITY		Nancy Thury Coleen Wiltse	Lorie Erpelding Kevin Erpelding Tony Nistler Help Please	Pearl Cervenka Gail Haubrich Alice LaCoursiere Ann Mork

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.

Your Parish Representatives:

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

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