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December 24-25, 2023

## St. Philip's Church

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#### **Sister Parish**

St. Charles Pennington

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

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

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#### **Spiritual Direction**

Tamara Moore

Please call the Parish Office for information.

Luke 2:1-14

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled.

This was the first enrollment,

when Quirinius was governor of Syria.

So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town.

And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth

to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem,

because he was of the house and family of David,

to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.

While they were there,

the time came for her to have her child,

and she gave birth to her firstborn son.

She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger,

because there was no room for them in the inn.

Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock

and keeping the night watch over their flock. The angel of the Lord appeared to them

and the glory of the Lord shone around them,

and they were struck with great fear.

The angel said to them,

"Do not be afraid;

for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy

that will be for all the people.

For today in the city of David

a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord.

And this will be a sign for you:

you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes

and lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying:

"Glory to God in the highest

and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

## **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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# The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

December 25, 2023

Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord!

## **Mass Intentions**

For December 23 to 25

Saturday, Dec 23

5:30 PM Mass: +Susan Beveridge

Sunday, Dec 24

7:30 AM Mass: Special Intentions for Emily Restad

9:00 AM Mass: For the People 11:00 AM Mass: +Betty Goodman Sunday, Dec 24 4:00 PM Mass: For the People 6:30 PM Mass: +Don Carlson

10:00 PM Mass: Special Intentions for Virginia Nihart

Monday, Dec 25 Christmas Day

10:00 AM Mass: +Archie and +Beverly Tolman

Tuesday, Dec 26

6:30 PM Mass: Special Intentions for those dealing with cancer

Wednesday, Dec 27

8:30 AM Sch Mass: +Susie Dahle

Thursday, Dec 28

8:30 AM Mass: +Colleen Nyland

10:30 AM Mass (Goldpine): +Ann Schmickle

Friday, Dec 29

8:30 AM Mass: Special Intentions for Clara Zigler

Saturday, Dec 30

5:30 PM Mass: Special Intentions for Doris Swedmark

Sunday, Dec 31

7:30 AM Mass: +Carol McKinley 9:00 AM Mass: +William M. Stearly 11:00 AM Mass: +Dennis Mohney

## **Daily Readings**

For Week of December 25 to 31

Monday, Dec 25

Is 9:1-6 Ps 98:1,2-3,3-4,5-6 Ti 2:11-14 Lk 2:1-14

Tuesday, Dec 26

Acts 6:8-10;7:54-59 Ps 31:3cd-4,6,8ab,16bc,17 Mt 10:17-22

Wednesday, Dec 27

1 Jn 1:1-4 Ps 97:1-2,5-6,11-12 Jn 20:1a,2-8

Thursday, Dec 28

1 Jn 1:5—2:2 Ps 124:2-3,4-5,7cd-8 Mt 2:13-18 Friday, Dec 29

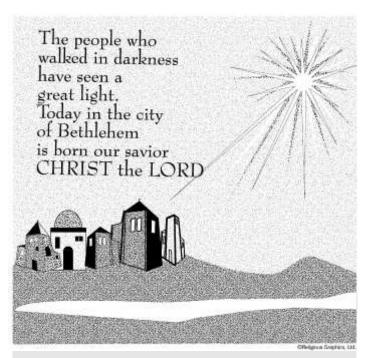
1 Jn 2:3-11 Ps 96:1-2a,2b-3,5b-6 Lk 2:22-35

Saturday, Dec 30

1 Jn 2:12-17 Ps 96:7-8a,8b-9,10 Lk 2:36-40

Sunday, Dec 31

Sir 3:2-6,12-14 Ps 128:1-2,3,4-5 Col 3:12-21 Lk 2:22-40



## This Week in the Parish

Sunday, Dec 24

8:35 AM Rosary (Chapel)

8:45 AM Reconciliation (Chapel)

10:30 AM Reconciliation (Chapel)

Monday, Dec 25 Merry Christmas! Parish Offices Closed, No Adoration

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

Tuesday, Dec 26

Wednesday, Dec 27

9:20 AM Rosary (Chapel)

11:30 AM Finance Council Mtg (St. Kateri Rm)

Thursday, Dec 28

10:30 AM Communion Service (Neilson Place)

Friday, Dec 29

9:00 AM Rosary (Chapel)

Saturday, Dec 30

4:00 PM Reconciliation (Chapel)

Sunday, Dec 31

8:35 AM Rosary (Chapel)

8:45 AM Reconciliation (Chapel)

10:30 AM Reconciliation (Chapel)



"Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!" - Luke 1:28

After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God's call. Mary teaches us to live with joy for all we have been given. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ's light to the world through our gratitude and generosity.

## **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 **January 14**. Please contact Kris Jensen at 218-441-4944 or <u>kjensen@stphilipsbemidij.org</u> 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.

## **Religious Vocations**

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

St. Philip's extends condolences to the families of **Jim Anderson** and **Helene Gesell**, mother of Sue Teigland. May they find rest and peace, and may their families find comfort in God's love.



## **Parish Life**

## **Parish Administrator Employment Listing**

St. Philip's Catholic Church seeks a **full-time Parish Administrator** in. The ideal candidate is a self-motivated and teamorientated 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.

## **Looking Ahead...**

**Shroud of Turn Presentation:** January 9

March for Life: January 20 Confirmation: April 20 First Eucharist: May 4/5

Star of the North Eucharistic Congress: May 17-19, 2024

## 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).

## Year End Appeal - Financial Stewardship

As we near the end of the calendar year, and at the beginning of the Liturgical Year, we find it a good time to ask our parishioners to give strong consideration and prayer to increasing their level of giving to St. Philip's. Our parish family is provided with a large array of services that are an answer to our Parish Mission: *To Accomplish God's Work*. Many/most of these services and ministries have a financial cost, and we are working to meet those needs as each month goes by. It comes as no surprise to parishioners to know that the cost of running a parish, a school, religious formation, and the many other services has gone up. Please consider increasing your weekly and monthly giving by 6 – 10%. We would also welcome year-end lump sum gifts.

We also want to encourage people that have not done regular giving in the past. Time after time, we hear from people that talk about how much their lives were enriched once they started regular giving. Whether it is through setting up an ACH for funds to flow automatically, or through dropping a contribution into the baskets at Mass, your gifts will come back to you tenfold in blessings.

For help in receiving envelopes to use at Mass or for help with setting up an ACH, please contact Tammy at 218-444-4262.



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## **Carmelite Corner**

Lay Carmelites of The Most Pure Heart of Mary

A prayer written by St. Therese of Lisieux to the Sacred Heart of Jesus: You heard me, only Friend whom I love. To ravish my heart, you became man. You shed your blood, what a supreme mystery! And you still live for me on the Altar. If I cannot see the brilliance of your Face or hear your sweet voice, O my God, I can live by your grace, I can rest on your Sacred Heart. Amen. (From the booklet of 31 prayers for Eucharistic Revival.) The next meeting of the Lay Order of Carmelites is January 15, at PM in the St. Elizabeth room. Call Pat Sturk for more information, 218-398-0814.

## Please keep the following individuals in your prayers:

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

\* 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.

## St. Philip's Calendars are in!

Be sure to pick up your 2024 St. Philip's calendar — There are two beautiful themes to pick from and are located on tables in the Narthex.

# Diocese of Crookston | Diocese of Duluth **Eucharistic Congress 2024** REGISTER TODAY! CrookstonEucharist.org \*After registering online, purchase your tickets for this event directly at the Sanford Box Office in Bemidji to avoid paying exorbitant booking fees.\*

## **Many Thanks**

Dearest Friends at St. Philip's Church,

Thank you for the many donations/gifts for our guests. Guests at Village of Hope (from newborns to 70 year old grandparents raising grandchildren) not only receive food and shelter but case management services, assistance with finding employment, as well as affordable housing.

"Whatsoever you do..." Cheryl Yarnott, Board Member

## **National Eucharistic Congress**

There are still tickets remaining for the 10th National Eucharistic Congress, July 17-21, 2024 in Indianapolis, Indiana. Join 80,000 Catholics from across the Country for this powerful, once in a lifetime event! please visit https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/. You are encouraged and invited to attend with the Diocese of Crookston delegation. For information about how to register for the congress as a member of the Diocese of Crookston Delegation, please visit https://www.Crookston.org/revival. The Diocese of Crookston is working with Corporate Travels who have arranged for hotel rooms near the venue and tickets to the event.

## The Holy Shroud of Turin

Come learn about the features of the Holy Shroud of Turin on Tuesday, January 9 at 7:00 PM in the St. Philip's Social Hall. A replica of the Holy Shroud will be on display while learning about the most-studied artifact in human history. (NASA, Air Force Academy, forensic & criminal scientists, historians, CIA photographers, biochemists, hematologists, etc.) Bob Bird, BSU alumni (1974) will discuss the inexplicable mysteries of the relic. Friends & skeptics welcome!

## Married Couples Retreat

Are you looking for a chance to get away for the weekend to spend some one-on-one time with your husband/wife? Deacon Ben and Jennine Seitz, the creators of *Six Stone Jars*, will be offering a Married Couple Retreat at the Diocese of Crookston's Pastoral Retreat Center, February 2-4, 2024. This retreat will not only give you the opportunity to spend time with each other, but also grow closer in your relationship with Jesus Christ. For more information and registration, visit www.sixstonejars.org.

## Mass Obligations for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent (Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>) and Christmas.

Catholics are obliged (blessed!) to attend Mass two times in that period of three days. Either Saturday evening or Sunday morning, for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent, as well as Sunday evening or Monday morning for Christmas. Technically some canonists argue you could attend two Christmas Masses, one on Sunday and one on Monday or even two on Sunday and fulfill your two obligations. At any rate, please inform the faithful of their obligations to attend two Masses in those three days.

Mass schedule for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent: Saturday evening (Dec. 23) at 5:30 PM and Sunday morning (Dec. 24) 7:30, 9:00, and 11:00 AM.

**Mass schedule for Christmas:** Sunday evening (Dec. 24) at 4:00, 6:30, and 10:00 PM and on Monday (Dec. 25) at 10:00 AM.

## **Ministry Schedule**

December 30/31 ~ Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

	Saturday, December 30	Sunday, December 31	Sunday, December 31 9:00 AM	Sunday, December 31
SACRISTAN	Connie Aagard	Jennifer Hoefer	Joe Bofferding	Help Please
INTRO TO MASS AND INTERCESSOR	Germaine Cheslock	Pam Murray	KC NEEDED	Ernest Rall
LECTOR 1	Joe Czapiewski	Judy Stai	KC NEEDED	David Olderman
LECTOR 2	James Hodges	Marilynne Hodapp	KC NEEDED	Tony Schussman
CAPTAIN EMHC	Betty Lindy	David Hoefer	Ed Daigle	Kelly Marcum
ЕМНС	Connie Aagard Myrna Corvelli Mary Dufault Pat Gavin Marleen Webb Help Please Help Please	Brad Arel April Boucher Cynthia Haskin (sub req.) Joan Klobe Mary Zigan Help Please Help Please	Tom Kern Joe Bofferding George Gardner KC NOT FILLED KC NOT FILLED KC NOT FILLED KC NOT FILLED	Courtney Haskins Gary Johnson Jan Johnson Cathy Lalli John Marcum Nathan Mertens Karen Williams
ALTAR SERVER	Beau Mathiowetz Evan Spaeth Elise Spaeth	Molly Haskell Drew Haskell Stella Zachman	Jill-Ann Walter Help Please Help Please	Sydney Beise Emma Beise <b>Help Please</b>
USHER	Glenn Aagard Mary Dufault Richard Lehmann Dick Robinson	Ephram Boucher Phil Hodapp Bob Murray Tony Nistler	Rick Coe Mark Froelich KC NOT FILLED KC OPEN	Ayden Homer Frank Homer Dale Johnson <b>Help Please</b>
GREETER	Frances Schmitt Marsha Stebe	Amy Haskell Ann Mork Al Nohner	KC NOT FILLED KC NOT FILLED	Rita Lauderbaugh Jean Louvar
HOSPITALITY/ FELLOWSHIP		Pat Bartels Colleen Schulke	Rick Coe Mickie Coe <b>Help Please</b>	Bernadette Aguilera Alice LaCoursiere <b>Help Please</b>

#### **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.

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## Please pray for vocations!

Pray for our Seminarians and our Deacon Candidates!

Please include in your prayers all who may be discerning a vocation!

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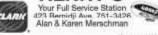


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