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# ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH

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December 31, 2023

## St. Philip's Church

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www.stphilipsbemidji.org

### Parish Staff

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| <b>Pastor:</b>  |          |
| Fr. Bill DeCrans  | 441-4901 |
| <b>Parochial Vicar:</b>   |          |
| Fr. Michael Arey  | 441-4902 |
| <b>Senior Associate:</b>  |          |
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| Deacon Robb Naylor  | 441-4904 |
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|   | 441-4906 |
| <b>Bookkeeper:</b>  |          |
|   | 441-4909 |
| <b>Director of Music &amp; Liturgy:</b>                                 |          |
| Bonnie Lee  | 441-4905 |
| <b>Faith Formation Staff:</b>   |          |
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| <b>High School</b>  |          |
| Sue Hengel  | 441-4944 |
| <b>Youth Group</b>  |          |
| Brad Arel   | 441-4911 |
| <b>Campus Ministry &amp; Adult Formation:</b>                           |          |
| Nancy Goodman   | 441-4907 |
| <b>Parish Office Coordinator:</b>                                       |          |
| Tammy Johnson   | 441-4900 |
| <b>Facility Maintenance Supervisor/<br/>Holy Cross Cemetery Sexton:</b> |          |
| Brad Arel   | 441-4911 |
| <b>Maintenance Support Staff:</b>                                       |          |
| Jim Shaw  |          |
| Rick Dahlmán  |          |

### St. Philip's School Staff

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|                             |           |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| <b>Principal:</b>           |           |
| Jana Norgaard               | ext. 4941 |
| <b>School Office Staff:</b> |           |
| Stephanie Glen              | 441-4940  |
| Charity Hanevold            | 441-4942  |
| LeeAnn Jacobson             | 441-4943  |
| Marilyn McCollum            | 441-4943  |

### Sister Parish

#### **St. Charles Pennington**

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.

### St. Philip's Clothing Depot

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#### **Manager:**

Norma Himmelright

### Spiritual Direction

Tamara Moore

Please call the Parish Office for information.

When Jesus was eight days old, Mary and Joseph gave him the name that God had chosen, a name that means "Savior". A few weeks later, they took him to the Temple, in accordance with the Jewish law, to present him to the Lord. Simeon and Anna were holy people who had dedicated their lives to the service of God and God's chosen people. They knew the promise of the Messiah but did not know his identity or when he would come. Simeon had long prayed that he would not die before he saw the Messiah for himself. Although the Gospel does not say so, Anna probably did likewise.

Nothing external distinguished the Holy Family from any other young couple and their baby. Yet God touched the hearts of Simeon and Anna so that they recognised Jesus as more than "just" another infant. Jesus would be "the light of the Gentiles". For Simeon, this was a prophetic moment. He perceived something of the suffering that would come to Mary simply because she was the faithful mother of Jesus. A "sword" of sorrow would pierce her heart. Mary, the new mother, found her joy turned to pain. Joseph, so faithful and loving towards Mary and Jesus, also found his world turned upside down. Yet Mary, Joseph, Simeon, and Anna all shared the joy of knowing that this tiny baby was also the Messiah, the hope of the world, the one for whom generations of faithful people had waited.

No one who saw Jesus, Mary and Joseph would have known that they were witnessing the dawn of a new age. Simeon and Anna only recognised the Holy Family because God was active in the situation. It took faith to see beyond a newborn baby to the crucifixion and the resurrection. Simeon needed courage to warn Mary that her joy also heralded pain. Joseph would be presented with a responsibility he had never anticipated. According to tradition, Joseph died before Jesus began his adult ministry, so he was no longer around to support Mary when she was most in need of his quiet strength and fidelity.

Family life may not be a bed of roses. Every family will have problems to face. Every family will know troubles and sorrows. Sometimes families break apart because the problems become too many, or the challenges of living together become too great. At such times they may be in special need of our loving concern and support. But there can be an unbreakable bond, a unique friendship and an unflinching strength that carries a family through good times and bad. Every family has moments of great joy as well as times that are difficult, when it is only the love between them that gives them the courage they need as they face things they had never expected and would never have wanted. Mary and Joseph gave Jesus the foundation that prepared him for Calvary – and for Easter Sunday. May their example and their prayers bring our families courage in the bad times, and joy in the good.

May God's blessings continue to be poured onto our families.

Jesus loves you,  
*Fr. Bill*

### **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  
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# Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 31, 2023

Grant that we may  
imitate the Holy Family!

## Mass Intentions

For December 30 to January 7

### 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 Mohny

### Monday, Jan 1 **Mary, The Holy Mother of God**

**9:00 AM Mass:** +Roger Schmickle

### Tuesday, Jan 2

**6:30 PM Mass:** Special Intentions for LeRoy Johnson

### Wednesday, Jan 3

**8:30 AM Sch Mass:** +Alfred Gagnon

### Thursday, Jan 4

**8:30 AM Mass:** +Judy Gourde Smith

**10:30 AM Mass (Havenwood):** +Dee Tacheny

### Friday, Jan 5

**8:30 AM Mass:** +Jason Graven

### Saturday, Jan 6

**5:30 PM Mass:** +Jerry Weber

### Sunday, Jan 7

**7:30 AM Mass:** +Peggy Rader

**9:00 AM Mass:** +Kermit Bjerke

**11:00 AM Mass:** For the People

## Daily Readings

For Week of January 1 to 7

### Monday, Jan 1

Nm 6:22-27

Ps 67:2-3,5-6,8

Gal 4:4-7

Lk 2:16-21

### Tuesday, Jan 2

1 Jn 2:22-28

Ps 98:1-4

Jn 1:19-28

### Wednesday, Jan 3

1 Jn 2:29—3:6

Ps 98:1-3,6

Jn 1:29-34

### Thursday, Jan 4

1 Jn 3:7-10

Ps 98:1,7-9

Jn 1:35-42

### Friday, Jan 5

1 Jn 3:11-21

Ps 100:1-5

Jn 1:43-51

### Saturday, Jan 6

1 Jn 5:5-13

Ps 147:12-15,19-20

Mk 1:7-11

### Sunday, Jan 7

Is 60:1-6

Ps 72:1-2,7-8,10-13

Eph 3:2-3a,5-6

Mt 2:1-12



*Live as the Holy Family. Unite yourselves in love  
and respect for each other, live in peace with all people  
and pray that you may share in the life of the Lord.*

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## This Week in the Parish

### Sunday, Dec 31

**8:35 AM** Rosary (Chapel)

**8:45 AM** Reconciliation (Chapel)

**10:30 AM** Reconciliation (Chapel)

### Monday, Jan 1

**Parish Offices Closed, No Adoration**

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

### Tuesday, Jan 2

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

### Wednesday, Jan 3 **School resumes**

**9:20 AM** Rosary (Chapel)

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

### Thursday, Jan 4 **No Faith Formation**

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

**6:00 PM** KC Board Mtg (Social Hall)

**6:30 PM** OCIA - *The Mass & Liturgical Prayer* (St. Kateri Rm)

### Friday, Jan 5

**9:00 AM** Rosary (Chapel)

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

### Saturday, Jan 6

**4:00 PM** Reconciliation (Chapel)

### Sunday, Jan 7

**8:30 AM to 10:30 AM** KC Pancake Breakfast

**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)

**11:30 AM** MS/HS Youth Group Ski Day (Buena Vista)

**5:00 PM** Joint Council Potluck (Social Hall)

*"...as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive."*

*~Colossians 3:13*

Forgiving is one of the hardest things for people to do. We can't give what we don't have. We need to receive God's mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others. Go to the sacrament of Reconciliation and receive God's mercy and forgiveness. Then, share the gift of forgiveness with someone – a family member, a friend or a co-worker. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.

## 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 **January 14**. Please contact Kris Jensen at 218-441-4944 or [kjensen@stphilipsbemidji.org](mailto: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.

### Religious Vocations

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

St. Philip's extends condolences to the family of **Robert Czech**. May he find rest and peace, and may his family 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 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.

### 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!

## 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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## Winter Volunteers Needed at Food Shelf

The majority of volunteers at the Bemidji Community Food Shelf are scheduled through local churches. St. Philip's provides volunteers to assist clients in selecting food for their households during three shifts each month: the morning shift on the third Wednesday, and the morning or afternoon shifts on the fourth Monday.

With current usage of the BCFS reaching pre-pandemic levels, at least eight volunteers are needed to staff each shift. The volunteer list from our parish is usually sufficient to cover those time periods.

That changes, however, in winter months when many current volunteers head to warmer climates. Replacements are often needed from January through March.

If you are interested in working during the winter months at the Food Shelf, contact Al Nohner at 218-766-5488.

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## 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.

### Please keep the following individuals in your prayers:

Kell Lovell, Andy Guisti, Gloria Gary, Jack Baker, Ron Arel, Lloyd Holy, Angel Krigbaum, Joann Stradtman, 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.*

## Attention High School Seniors

The Bemidji Knights of Columbus offers \$500 scholarships for high school seniors who are Catholic, a member of St Philip's or Wilton parishes, and will be attending college or trade school in the fall of 2024. Applications are available in the HS Guidance Office from Barry Cervenka. Or, by email from Norm Ricard, [nsricard@paulbunyan.net](mailto:nsricard@paulbunyan.net) It is not necessary that your father is a member of the Knights of Columbus, but he is encouraged to join.

JESUS, MARY, JOSEPH

pray for us!

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## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

### Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, Jan. 7 ~ 8:30 to 10:30 AM

St. Philip's Social Hall

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Proceeds will go to Northwoods Pregnancy Center

### MARK THE CALENDAR!

2024 MARCH FOR LIFE

Saturday, January 20, 2024 ~ 12 Noon

Beltrami County Courthouse, Bemidji

## Looking Ahead...

**Shroud of Turin 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



**Congratulations to the following parishioners celebrating over 50 year or milestone anniversaries in the month of January:**

|                  |                            |          |
|------------------|----------------------------|----------|
| <b>January 2</b> | - Randy & Barb Nyberg,     | 35 years |
| <b>7</b>         | - George & Suzi Whalen,    | 51       |
| <b>8</b>         | - Ed & Lethia Morgan,      | 30       |
| <b>10</b>        | - Bob & Jeanne Kyrlyuk,    | 54       |
| <b>15</b>        | - Larry & Jackie Zabrocki, | 57       |
| <b>22</b>        | - Lee & Mary Swanson,      | 68       |
| <b>28</b>        | - Jim & Becky Haskell,     | 45       |

St. Philip's Mission Statement:

To Accomplish God's Work



# Ministry Schedule

January 6/7 ~ The Epiphany of the Lord

|                              | Saturday, January 6<br>5:30 PM   | Sunday, January 7<br>7:30 AM  | Sunday, January 7<br>9:00 AM   | Sunday, January 7<br>11:00 AM   |
|------------------------------|--|---|--|---|
| SACRISTAN                    | Marleen Webb   | Jennifer Hoefer   | Joann Gardner  | Connie Aagard   |
| INTRO TO MASS<br>INTERCESSOR | Bernie Marshall<br>Deacon Robb   | Pam Murray<br>Pat Murray  | Susan Baird<br>Deacon Kermit   | Emily Vincent<br>Deacon Kermit  |
| LECTOR 1                     | Joe Czapiewski   | Sue Bruns   | Gretchen Buxton  | Dotty Forrest   |
| LECTOR 2                     | James Hodges   | Cynthia Haskin  | Kay Mack   | Karen Merschman   |
| CAPTAIN EMHC                 | Marleen Webb - Body 4  | David Hoefer -Body 4  | Sue Hengel - Body 4  | Deacon Kermit   |
| EMHC                         | Mary Jo Christenson<br>Myrna Corvelli<br>Mary Dufault<br>Betty Lindy<br>Cindy Marshall<br>Bernie Marshall<br>Cyndy Scanlan | April Boucher<br>John Carlson<br>Cynthia Haskin<br>Mary Zigan<br><b>Help Please</b><br><b>Help Please</b><br><b>Help Please</b> | George Gardner<br>Sue Hendricks<br>Kay Mack<br>Nathan Mertens<br>Pat Welch<br>George Whalen<br>Suzi Whalen | Connie Aagard -Body 4<br>Abby Aylesworth<br>Gary Johnson<br>Barb Nyberg<br>Kelly Marcum<br>John Marcum<br>Carol Rettinger |
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| USHER                        | Grant Frenzel<br>Cyndy Scanlan<br><b>Help Please</b><br><b>Help Please</b>   | Gary Bruns<br>Jennifer Hoefer<br>Bob Murray<br>James Wiltse   | Rick Coe<br>Mark Froelich<br>Troy Hendricks<br>Larry Mack  | Ryan Aylesworth<br>Ayden Homer<br>Frank Homer<br><b>Help Please</b>   |
| GREETER                      | Patricia Hadrava<br>Frances Schmitt<br>Marsha Stebe  | Amy Haskell<br>Ann Mork<br>Coleen Wiltse  | Mickie Coe<br><b>Help Please</b>   | Ayden Homer<br>Frank Homer  |
| HOSPITALITY/<br>FELLOWSHIP   |  | KC Pancake Breakfast  |  | Pearl Cervenka<br>Gail Haubrich<br>Alice LaCoursiere<br>Karen Williams  |

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:

**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

**School Council Members:** Will Beise, Erin Curran, Sarah Haman, Sarah Martinka, Scott Winter

**Trustees:** Kevin Erpelding, Tracie Walter

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