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The Truth About What Matters

January 14, 2024

My reflections here originate from a recent set of teachings from the <u>Daily Rosary Mediations</u> app that I try to follow each day. They spoke to a spiritual challenge that I and perhaps you have dealt with or are dealing with at this time. It is a challenge that comes from those outside the Church and also from members of the Church. The challenge is that the Church seems to be nitpicky when it comes to her teachings. Sometimes it seems that the Church is making things overcomplicated with all its distinctions. Didn't Jesus give us a simple message of love of God and love of neighbor?

As the Rosary Meditations for the day (Jan. 10) pointed out -- the Catholic Church is very precise about her teachings for a very simple reason: when you care about something, you try to get the truth of the matter precisely. The Catholic Church thinks that the truth about God and the truth about humanity is very important. Because the Church loves God, she wants to preach and defend the precise truth about God. Because the Church loves humanity, she wants to preach and defend the precise truth about the good of our neighbor.

Most everyone thinks their physical life is important. So we won't go to a surgeon who doesn't seem that concerned about details of our health. No. We want our surgeon to be really precise, to know what's really going on. So why would we want a Church that takes a laid-back and happy-go-lucky approach to our spiritual life and salvation? If you truly care about God, heaven, and you and your neighbor's spiritual health and well-being, you want a Church that takes the truth seriously and who can give you precise instructions about what is true and false, right and wrong. If we don't care about religious truth, it really means we don't care that much about God or the soul of our neighbor.

If you want to cultivate a love of God, wouldn't you want a Church that cares enough about God to develop the truth about Him with the greatest enthusiasm and in the greatest detail? The 8th Commandment doesn't just tell us not to lie, it tells us to care about the truth. And you can't really care about truth without caring about details. For example, the Church fought for transubstantiation over consubstantiation, because if the Eucharist is only bread, we should not adore it -- and if it is Christ's Body and Blood, we should. Another example is the distinction between contraception and Natural Family Planning. The Church discourages and forbids contraception but allows NFP because one means doing something to sterilize and stifle love between a man and a woman and the other doesn't.

Truth at first may be difficult to accept and follow, but if you love God and your neighbor you will care about getting the truth about them right and ultimately be grateful for the clarity offered by the Catholic Church. ~Fr. John Kleinwachter

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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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 14, 2024

All the earth shall sing to your name, O Most High!

Mass Intentions

For January 13 to 21

Saturday, Jan 13

5:30 PM Mass: +Tom & +Jvonne Gray

Sunday, Jan 14

7:30 AM Mass: +Barbara Hennessy 9:00 AM Mass: For the People 11:00 AM Mass: +Ann Schmickle

Monday, Jan 15

8:30 AM Mass: +Helena R., +Maria I, & +Anna J.

Tuesday, Jan 16

6:30 PM Mass: +Tessie Dahlman

Wednesday, Jan 17

8:30 AM Sch Mass: +Judy Smith

Thursday, Jan 18

8:30 AM Mass: Special Intentions for Katherine Selby

Friday, Jan 19

8:30 AM Mass: +Verne Bowman

Saturday, Jan 20

5:30 PM Mass: +Mardene Schuiling

Sunday, Jan 21

7:30 AM Mass: +Mary Jelinek 9:00 AM Mass: +John Grahek 11:00 AM Mass: +Dennis Mohney

Daily Readings

For Week of January 15 to 21

Monday, Jan 15

1 Sm 15:16-23 Ps 50:8-9,16bc-17,21,23 Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday, Jan 16

1 Sm 16:1-13 Ps 89:20,21-22,27-28 Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday, Jan 17

1 Sm 17:32-33,37,40-51 Ps 144:1b,2,9-10 Mk 3:1-6

Thursday, Jan 18

1 Sm 18:6-9;19:1-7 Ps 56:2-3,9-10a,10b-11,12-13 Mk 3:7-12

Friday, Jan 19

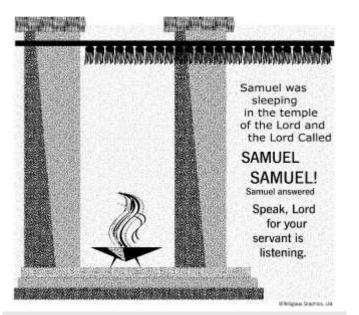
1 Sm 24:3-21 Ps 57:2,3-4,6,11 Mk 3:13-19

Saturday, Jan 20

2 Sm 1:1-4,11-12,19,23-27 Ps 80:2-3,5-7 Mk 3:20-21

Sunday, Jan 21

Jon 3:1-5,10 Ps 25:4-5,6-7,8-9 1 Cor 7:29-31 Mk 1:14-20



This Week in the Parish

Sunday, Jan 14

8:35 AM Rosary (Chapel)

8:45 AM Reconciliation (Chapel)

10:05 AM Baptism Class (St. Kateri Rm)

10:30 AM Reconciliation (Chapel)

Monday, Jan 15 No School, Martin Luther King Day

9:00 AM to 8 PM Adoration (Chapel)

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

Tuesday, Jan 16

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

4:45 PM Adult Choir Practice (Church)

5:00 PM 3rd Order of Carmelites Mtg (St. Elizabeth Rm)

6:00 PM Rosary (Chapel)

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

7:00 PM Men's Basketball (Gym)

Wednesday, Jan 17

9:20 AM Rosary (Chapel)

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

11:00 AM Widow/Widowers Group (St. Kateri Rm)

3:00 PM Youth Choir Practice (Church)

6:30 PM Faith Formation, grades 1-11

Thursday, Jan 18

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

10:30 AM Communion Service (Havenwood)

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

6:10 PM KC Mtg (Social Hall)

6:30 PM OCIA – *Marriage and Holy Orders* (St. Kateri Rm)

7:00 PM Eucharistic Revival Team Mtg (St. Elizabeth Rm)

Friday, Jan 19

9:00 AM Rosary (Chapel)

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

Saturday, Jan 20

9:00 AM Adoration/Holy Hour (Church)

10:00 AM Prayer Hour at Planned Parenthood

12:00 PM March for Life (Beltrami County Courthouse)

3:00 PM Confirmation Candidate/Sponsor Session (Social Hall)

4:00 PM Reconciliation (Chapel)

Sunday, Jan 21

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 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 **Cyril Murphy**, formerly of our parish, and **Tom Steele**, brother of Steve Steele and Kathy Stombaugh. May they find rest and peace, and

may their families find comfort in God's love.

Parish Life

Eucharistic Adoration January 20

Our parish will offer Eucharistic Adoration one Saturday a month at 9:00 AM with Exposition and Benediction in the Church. Our next Holy Hour will be Saturday, January 20 from 9 to 10 AM. We will provide reminders every month as to when the future Holy Hours will take place. Every Holy Hour will include a monthly prayer intention. Our prayer intention for January is for those struggling from additions of all kinds, drugs, alcohol, food, pornography, gambling, social media, etc.

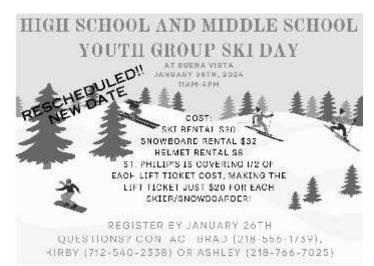
Youth Choir! Open to grades 4-8

We will sing for the Catholic Schools Week Mass on Sunday, January 28 at 11 AM. We will have 2 practices: Wednesday, Jan 17 and Wednesday, Jan 24—both after school from 3 to 4 PM. Hope to see you there!

Please keep the following individuals in your prayers:

David Olderman Sr., Scotty Tesar, Kell Lovell, Andy Guisti, Gloria Gary, Jack Baker, Ron Arel, Lloyd Holy, 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.



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Widow & Widowers Group

The next gathering will take place on Wednesday, January 17 at 11:00 AM in the St. Kateri Room. Come for fellowship and sharing. If you have any questions, call Dianna at 218-358-0939. All are welcome!

Second Collection Next Weekend

Next week our parish will take up a collection to support the **Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa**. This fund supports pastoral projects to build the capacity of the church and foster peace and reconciliation in a continent marked by division and tension. Please be generous!

Upcoming Ecumenical Prayer Service

On **Wednesday, January 24 at 6:00 PM**, First Lutheran Church and St. Philip's Catholic Church will be jointly celebrating our Annual Ecumenical Prayer Service. This year, First Lutheran will host the celebration. The sermon will be delivered by Fr. John Kleinwachter. Musicians from St. Philip's are invited to sing in the joint choir—rehearsal is January 24 at 5:30 at First Lutheran.

Eucharistic Revival in our Parish — Jesus and the Eucharist, 7-Week Study Program

This study was specifically designed for this Year of Parish Revival, and we will be joining many other parishes throughout the United States in participating in this small group study as we journey together through this three-year National Eucharistic Revival. Each session is full of rich theological content, powerful testimonies, and unique and timely messages from bishops across the country. No reading required ahead of meetings.

Please plan join us on **Monday mornings** (9:15 to 11:15 AM) **or Monday evenings** (6:30 to 8:30 PM) **beginning Monday, February 5 (first session)**. Meetings in the Social Hall, hospitality will be provided. We hope to see all of you at the sessions! **Helpers needed:** to run videos, be table leaders, provide simple hospitality. Registration for the sessions and sign up to help after Mass the next two Sundays.

Another Option: You may also form your own group with friends and neighbors and do the program in your own homes. All materials are available on-line. Check out session materials at: **eucharisticrevival.org** (resources) **Questions,** contact Fr. John (218-686-5029).

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).

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 It is not necessary that your father is a member of the Knights of Columbus, but he is encouraged to join.

"Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, 'What are you looking for?" - John 1:38

When we recognize who we are, it's easier to find what we are looking for. Once we see ourselves, and others, as children of God, we spend less time looking for the material comforts of the world. Instead, our hearts long for something deeper that can only be filled by God. Ask God daily how He wants you to live the life He intended for you.

Watch out for "Minnesota Right to Life"

(Recently sent out an appeal for funds)

Minnesota Right to Life is a scam created by the Dorr brothers, well-known scammers who have created fake groups (both gun rights groups and pro-life groups) in a number of different states. You can learn more about the Dorr brother scams at MNScammersExposed.com and DorrBroth-erScams.com. Despite its deceptive name, Minnesota Right to Life is not affiliated in any way with the National Right to Life Committee. MCCL is the sole Minnesota affiliate of the National Right to Life Committee. We at MCCL have been working to protect innocent human life since 1968, and we will continue to do so long after the Dorr brothers have moved on to their next con.



Advertise Within our Parish

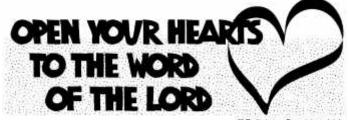
Have a local business? For just \$240 a year, your business can be listed in the St. Philip's Church bulletin. Each week approximately 450 bulletins are printed and distributed (that's 23,400/ year). In addition to the printed version, bulletins are posted for viewing at stphilipsbemidji.org. If you are interested in advertising in the bulletin, contact the Parish Office at 218-444-4262.

Seeking Caregiver

We have an 80 year old female parishioner who is in need of an around the clock live-in caregiver in her Bemidji area home. Nursing experience is **not** necessary. Please call 218-751-6047 if interested or with questions.

KC Free Throw Contest

Save the date! Knights of Columbus Council 1544 will be putting on their annual free throw shooting contest on Sunday, January 28 at St. Philip's from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM. All children ages 9-14 are welcome to shoot. The winner of each age and gender category will have the opportunity to compete at the district competition at a later date.



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Year End Contribution Letters

Staff will prepare contribution letters for gifts received in 2022 during January. Please let us know if any of your contact information has changed. Send updates to rector@stphilipsbemidji.org. *Any gifts postmarked after December 31 will be credited to 2024.

Looking Ahead...

March for Life: January 20

MS/HS Youth Group Ski Day: January 28

Ash Wednesday: February 14

Easter: March 31 **Confirmation:** April 20 **First Eucharist:** May 4/5

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

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.

Marriage Encounter Weekend

The best way to enrich your marriage during the month of love is to sign up for the February 10-11 Marriage Encounter! Weekends are held at Mt. Olivet Retreat Center in Farmington. Information and register at: www.marriages.org. Questions? Call: 651-454-3238 or email: mary@marriages.org

Ministry Schedule

January 20/21 ~ The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Saturday, January 20 5:30 PM	Sunday, January 21 7:30 AM	Sunday, January 21 9:00 AM	Sunday, January 21 11:00 AM
SACRISTAN	Marleen Webb	Jennifer Hoefer	Allison Hopkins	Connie Aagard
INTRO TO MASS INTERCESSOR IF NEEDED	Gretchen Buxton Dcn Robb	Cynthia Haskin Cynthia Haskin	Cory Gish Cory Gish	Tony Schussman Tony Schussman
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GREETER	Jean Louvar Help Please	D.J. Bakken Amy Haskell	Bernadette Aguilera Maci Boell	Help Please Help Please
HOSPITALITY/ FELLOWSHIP		Pat Bartels Colleen Schulke	Mickie Coe Rick Coe Don Papreck Mark Studer	Alice LaCoursiere Karen Schaar Help Please Help Please

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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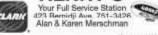


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