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# ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH

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## St. Philip's Church

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### Parish Staff

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218-444-4938

<b>Principal:</b>	
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Marilyn McCollum	441-4943
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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

### Newman Catholic Ministries

BSU/NWTC

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

### St. Philip's Clothing Depot

218-444-3835

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

#### **Manager:**

Norma Himmelright

#### **Assistant Manager:**

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### Spiritual Direction

Tamara Moore

Please call the Parish Office for information.

## The First Sunday of Lent:

February 18, 2024

"Repent and believe in the gospel." These are the words of Jesus as he began his ministry here on earth. This is the key message of the Lenten season.

We are all of us sinners! But God has given us a path to forgiveness, and to eternal life with him. Jesus Christ, God's only Son, came down from heaven to suffer for our sins and conquer death. So, we need to hear his words to us and "repent and believe in the Gospel."

This season of lent is for us the time to begin a new commitment to Jesus, to look deeply into our lives to see if we are truly open to God and truly loving God and our neighbor. We are called by our Baptism to live our lives for Christ. We are to follow his commandments, not just the Ten Commandments that God gave to the Jews back in the beginning, but also the commandment that Jesus proclaimed to be the greatest commandment of all. To love God with our whole self, and to love our neighbor as we love ourself.

Jesus also taught us that our neighbor does not just mean our close friends and family, but every person, rich or poor, that we come in to contact with. Whether they are nice to us or not, whether they have the same political ideals or not, whether they go to the same church as we do or not, we are to love them! And we are to treat them as if they are Jesus themselves!

So, I pray that each of us will take this season of lent to heart and will ask God to come more fully into our hearts and to guide us in his ways. To love as he first loved us.

God bless,  
*Deacon Kermit*

**REPENT  
AND  
BELIEVE  
IN THE  
GOSPEL**

### **Mass Times**

Saturday 5:30 PM  
Sunday 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, & 11:00 AM  
Monday 8:30 AM  
Tuesday 12:10 PM & 6:30 PM  
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 8:30 AM

### **Reconciliation Times**

Friday 6:00 PM  
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 Lent

February 18, 2024

When he calls on me,  
I will answer him.

## Mass Intentions

For February 17 to 25

### Saturday, Feb 17

**5:30 PM Mass:** Special Intentions for Mary Rients

### Sunday, Feb 18

**7:30 AM Mass:** +Jerry Martinka

**9:00 AM Mass:** +Marge Gerlach

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

### Monday, Feb 19

**8:30 AM Mass:** +Derek Hageman

### Tuesday, Feb 20

**12:10 PM Mass:** +Lois Ward

**6:30 PM Mass:** +Timothy Wiltse

### Wednesday, Feb 21

**8:30 AM Sch Mass:** +Peggy Bahr

### Thursday, Feb 22

**8:30 AM Mass:** +Ann Loeffler

**10:30 AM Mass (Goldpine):** +Jim Dulka

### Friday, Feb 23

**8:30 AM Mass:** +Mardene Schuiling

### Saturday, Feb 24

**5:30 PM Mass:** For the People

### Sunday, Feb 25

**7:30 AM Mass:** +Jeanette Goettl

**9:00 AM Mass:** +Mary Ann Will

**11:00 AM Mass:** Special Intentions for Connie Hicklen

## Daily Readings

For Week of February 19 to 25

### Monday, Feb 19

Lv 19:1-2,11-18

Ps 19:8,9,10,15

Mt 25:31-46

### Tuesday, Feb 20

Is 55:10-11

Ps 34:4-5,6-7,16-17,18-19

Mt 6:7-15

### Wednesday, Feb 21

Jon 3:1-10

Ps 51:3-4,12-13,18-19

Lk 11:29-32

### Thursday, Feb 22

1 Pt 5:1-4

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

Mt 16:13-19

### Friday, Feb 23

Ez 18:21-28

Ps 130:1-2,3-4,5-7a,7bc-8

Mt 5:20-26

### Saturday, Feb 24

Dt 26:16-19

Ps 119:1-2,4-5,7-8

Mt 5:43-48

### Sunday, Feb 25

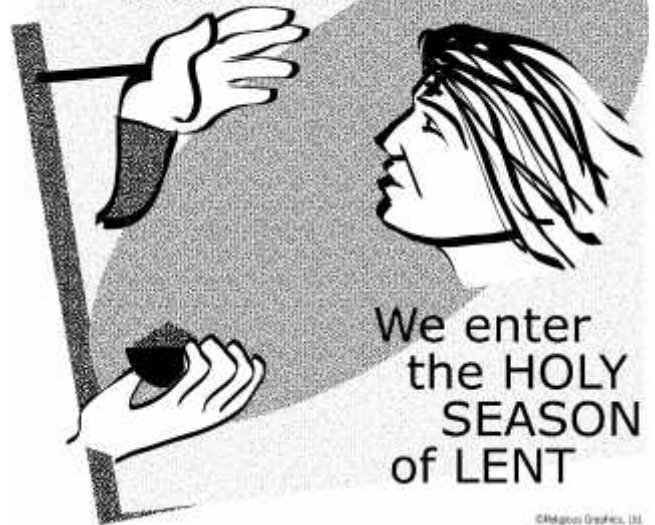
Gn 22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18

Ps 116:10,15,16-17,18-19

Rom 8:31b-34

Mk 9:2-10

Marked with the  
SIGN of REPENTANCE



## This Week in the Parish

### Sunday, Feb 18

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

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

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

### Monday, Feb 19 Presidents' Day

**No School, Parish Offices Closed, No Adoration**

**9:15 AM** Jesus and the Eucharist Study-*Am I Saved?* (Social Hall)

**11:00 AM** Widow & Widowers Group (Pizza Ranch)

**6:30 PM** Jesus and the Eucharist Study-*Am I Saved?* (Social Hall)

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

### Tuesday, Feb 20

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

**12:40 PM** Lenten Soup & Sandwich Luncheon (Social Hall)

**4:45 PM** Adult Choir Practice (Church)

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

**6:00 PM** Rosary (Chapel)

**7:00 PM** *The Chosen*, Season 3 (Social Hall)

**7:00 PM** Men's Basketball (Gym)

### Wednesday, Feb 21

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

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

**6:30 PM** Faith Formation, grades 1-11

### Thursday, Feb 22

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

**10:30 AM** Communion Service (Neilson Place)

**6:00 PM** School Recital Concert (Social Hall)

### Friday, Feb 23

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

**2:15 PM** Stations of the Cross (Church)

**4:30 PM** Lenten Fish Fry (Social Hall)

**6:00 PM** Reconciliation (Chapel)

**6:30 PM** Stations of the Cross/Holy Hour (Church)

### Saturday, Feb 24

**10:00 AM** All Pro Dads (Social Hall/Library Park)

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

### Sunday, Feb 25

**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)

**12:00 PM** HS Youth Group Game Day (Social Hall, Gym)

**2:00 PM** MS Youth Group Game Day (Social Hall, Gym)

## 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 **March 3**. Please contact Kris Jensen at 218-441-4944 or [kjensen@stphilipsbemidj.org](mailto:kjensen@stphilipsbemidj.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.



St. Philip's extends condolences to the families of **Mary Schmickle** and **Tom Christianson**, nephew of Margaret DeMers. May he find rest and peace, and may his family find comfort in God's love.

The St. Philip's Catholic Community welcomes through the waters of baptism, **Lainey Joann Dressing**, daughter of Kyle & Billie Dressing, and **Blaise Andrew McKeown**, son of James & Sarah McKeown.



## Parish Life

**FISH  
St. Philip's Community  
FRY**  
**February 16 & 23  
March 1 & 8  
4:30 - 6:30 PM**  
Drive Up Closes at 6:00 PM

**Walleye Dinner**  
with baked potato, coleslaw,  
roll, dessert  
Double (two filets): \$22  
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Kid's Meal  
macaroni & cheese, roll,  
fruit & dessert: \$10  
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[stphilipsbemidj.org](http://stphilipsbemidj.org)**

If you are unable to order online, call St. Philip's School at 218-444-4938 by noon on each Friday. Thank you!

Don't forget to take a Little Black Book of Saginaw for your Lenten devotions. Remaining books are at either entrance. (Purple books are for kids) Take some time each day to read, pray/listen to God.

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

Joel Ruffenach, Mark Lundin, David Olderman Sr., Scotty Tesar, Kell Lovell, Andy Guisti, Gloria Gary, Jack Baker, Ron Arel, 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.*

## 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

### Weekly Contributions

<b>Weekly Giving, Budgeted:</b>	\$ 17,668.27
<b>Actual Received Feb 3/4 Masses:</b>	\$ 12,430.00
<b>Actual Received Feb 10/11 Masses:</b>	\$ 10,660.00
<b>On-line Giving Feb 1-11:</b>	\$ 11,927.00

### February Contributions

<b>Monthly Budget to Date:</b>	\$ 39,375.00
<b>Actual Received Feb 1-11:</b>	\$ 35,017.00

A good portion of our collections are now coming through electronic transfers from parishioners. The intent of this section of the bulletin is to provide an accurate snapshot of recent giving. With the electronic transfers often coming between Sundays, we may combine two weeks in this segment, thus providing a better reflection of parish giving.

### STEWARDSHIP ~ A HABIT OF THE HEART

### Diocesan Annual Appeal 2024

Have you made a commitment to the 2024 Diocesan Annual Appeal? If you have, thank you! If not, please make your pledge or gift this weekend. You can donate online at [crookston.org/DAA](http://crookston.org/DAA). Prayerfully consider increasing your gift by 10% if you haven't increased your gift for several years. The ministries you support touch the lives of thousands of Catholics in the Diocese of Crookston! For questions about automatic sustained giving, which is the most recommended method for supporting the appeal, contact Renee Tate at [rtate@crookston.org](mailto:rtate@crookston.org) or call 218-281-4533, ext. 432. THANK YOU FOR MAKING CHRIST'S LOVE PRESENT IN OUR COMMUNITY!

### The Chosen, Season Three

This Lenten season the Knights of Columbus and Newman Club will sponsor the showing of the third season of the much acclaimed, Christ centered, series, **The Chosen**. Episodes will be shown on Tuesday nights in Lent in the Social Hall after the 6:30 PM Mass (7-8 PM) beginning February 20. Join us with a friend or family for the showings, table discussions, and light refreshments. No fees or registration — come as you are able!

*"After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God...." - Mark 1:14*

Have you ever thought about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to go to Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that He was proclaiming. It took great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, living a stewardship lifestyle takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that He will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.

### Widow & Widowers Group

The next gathering will take place on Monday, February 19 at 11:00 AM at the Pizza Ranch community room (1635 Paul Bunyan Dr NW). Come for lunch and sharing, celebrating a late Valentine's Day in honor of our spouses. If you have any questions, call Dianna at 218-358-0939. All are welcome!

## Jesus and the Eucharist, Study Program

Please join us on **Mondays, either at 9:15 AM or 6:30 PM**. The study will run through March 18. Sessions are open to all, come as you are able.

**Session 3 (Feb 19): Am I Saved?** Salvation is a gift from God through Jesus Christ that requires our "yes."

**MARRIAGES & BANNES** ~ Please join us in praying for all newly married couples & those preparing for the Sacrament of Matrimony:

*Daniel Hangaard & Alex Arp  
Exchange of Vows on May 4, 2024*

*Matthew Arel & Jenna Jones  
Exchange of Vows on July 13, 2024*

*Nathan Gourneau & Emma Spaeth  
Exchange of Vows on July 27, 2024*

*Riley Berg & Kinley Prestgard  
Exchange of Vows on August 10, 2024*

*Gary Kjellgren & Faith Novacek  
Exchange of Vows on September 9, 2024*

## Penitential Rite During Lent

During Lent we will be using Penitential Act B, which may be unfamiliar. This can be found in our hymnals, #168 B.

**Priest: Have mercy on us, O Lord**

*All: for we have sinned against you*

**Priest: Show us, O Lord, your mercy.**

*All: and grant us your salvation*

**Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us...everlasting life.**

*All: Amen*

**Priest or Deacon:**

**Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy;**

**Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy;**

**Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.**



Remember you are dust  
and unto dust  
you shall return

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## Men's and Women's Cursillo dates for 2024.

The dates for the men's and women's Cursillo Weekends are fast approaching. The Cursillo is an opportunity for friendship, prayer and spiritual growth which is offered by the Diocese of Crookston and will be conducted at the Beautiful Pastoral center in Crookston Minnesota. We encourage all Women and men 18 years of age and up, to strongly consider attending the Cursillo weekend that works best for your schedule. A Cursillo weekend will not disappoint.

Please contact Steve Klocke at [Sklocke1013@gmail.com](mailto:Sklocke1013@gmail.com) or by phone at 701-405-4848 to discuss the Cursillo weekends and to ask any of your questions.

Following are the dates for the two men's weekends and the two women's weekends. Let this year of Eucharistic Revival be made even more special by saying yes to Jesus and attending one of these Cursillo weekends.

Men's spring Cursillo weekend 2024 – February 22-25

Women's spring Cursillo weekend 2024 – March 14-17

Men's fall Cursillo weekend 2024 – October 24-27

Women's fall Cursillo weekend 2024 – September 26-29

## Alexander and Ardell Nadesan Scholarship

The Alexander and Ardell Nadesan Education Scholarship Fund was created to provide financial assistance to an eligible Bemidji High School senior who is an alumnus of St. Philip's or an active parishioner. A \$500 scholarship will be awarded after the successful completion of the recipient's first semester of college. Learn more at [stphilipsbemidji.org](http://stphilipsbemidji.org).

Apply online ([stphilipsbemidji.org/scholarships](http://stphilipsbemidji.org/scholarships)) by March 31.

## St. Philip's Volunteers Needed for Food Shelf

The Bemidji Community Food Shelf needs your help.

Volunteers from St. Philip's helped those facing food insecurity by assisting individuals in selecting food during the morning shift of the third Wednesday of each month as well as on the morning and afternoon shifts on the fourth Monday of the month. Each shift lasts a little over three hours with the first starting at 9 AM and the second at noon.

Prior to the surge in record numbers, seven volunteers were needed to staff each shift. It now takes at least nine individuals to service users in a timely fashion.

A large number of St. Philip's regular volunteers head to warmer climates during the next few months, which leaves shifts shorthanded. New volunteers are needed to fill in during this time.

If you are interested in volunteering to help those facing food insecurity, contact Al Nohner to learn more by calling 218-766-5488.

## Looking Ahead...

**Day of Grace:** March 8

**Olivewood Imports:** March 16/17

**Easter:** March 31

**Confirmation:** April 20

**First Eucharist:** May 4/5

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

## Second Collection This Weekend

Today, our parish will take up the 140th annual **National Black and Indian Mission Collection**. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ! You can help meet unmet needs with a generous contribution today. Thank you for your support.

*Join us for the next*

**Bemidji Area All Pro Dads**



## Dad's Day Sledding Party!

**Saturday, February 24 ~ 10:00 AM to Noon**

St. Philip's and Library Park

We are excited to hold our annual sledding party! Please dress appropriately and bring your sled or use one of ours. We'll begin at St. Philip's and walk over to Library Park, to return in time for refreshments and door prizes!

If temps are too cold or not enough snow for sledding, we will open up the gym and/or play BINGO in the Social Hall.

For more information go to our website, [allprodad.com](http://allprodad.com) or for questions, email [bemidjiallprodads@gmail.com](mailto:bemidjiallprodads@gmail.com).

**The next All Pro Dad is scheduled for Sat, March 23.**

# Ministry Schedule

February 24/25 ~ The Second Sunday of Lent

	Saturday, February 24 5:30 PM	Sunday, February 25 7:30 AM	Sunday, February 25 9:00 AM	Sunday, February 25 11:00 AM
SACRISTAN	Marleen Webb	Brad Arel	Jamie Glen	John Marcum
INTRO TO MASS INTERCESSOR	Roger Heger (sub req.) Help please	John Carlson John Carlson	Mollie Rupp Mollie Rupp	Connie Aagard Connie Aagard
LECTOR 1	Germaine Cheslock	Cynthia Haskin	Sue Hendricks	Nancy Goodman
LECTOR 2	Joe Czapiewski	Jennifer Leisenheimer	Sue Hendricks	Emily Vincent
CAPTAIN	Betty Lindy	Brad Arel	V1 Volunteer	Kelly Marcum
EMHC	Mary Jo Christenson Myrna Corvelli Mary Dufault Lisa Freise Cyndy Scanlan Marleen Webb Help Please	April Boucher John Carlson Cynthia Haskin Joan Klobe Patti Van Camp Mary Zigan Help Please	Ed Daigle George Gardner Brent Rud Stephanie Rupp Pat Welch Help Please Help Please Joann Gardner (sub req.)	Connie Aagard John Marcum Barb Nyberg Karen Williams Help Please Help Please Help Please Help Please
ALTAR SERVER	Sophia Breczinski John Breczinski Isaac Morin (sub req.)	Joshua Arel Elizabeth Brooks Felicity Brooks	Help Please Help Please Help Please	Walter Lundin Taylor Podmore Peyton A Stearly
USHER	Grant Frenzel Richard Lehmann Janet Moris Mark Moris	Ephram Boucher David Brooks James Wiltse Help Please	Troy Hendricks Luke Rud Corey Rupp Help Please	Dale Johnson Help Please Help Please Help Please
GREETER	Patricia Hadrava Frances Schmitt	D.J. Bakken Amy Sanden Coleen Wiltse	Bernadette Aguilera Help Please	Darlene Weber Help Please
HOSPITALITY/ FELLOWSHIP		Pat Bartels Ann Mork	Mary Bjerke Mickie Coe Rick Coe Mark Dickinson	Pearl Cervenka Alice LaCoursiere Karen Schaar Tracy Wright

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, Roger Heger, Luke Lundin, 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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Pray for our **Seminarians** and our **Deacon Candidates!**  
Please include in your prayers all who may be discerning a vocation!

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