

**December 1, 2023**



## **St. Philip's Snippets**

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## **CHRISTMAS DECORATING!**

**Have fun and earn volunteer hours! Bonnie, our liturgy director, needs help decorating the church, social hall and chapel throughout December. Click on this link to help!**

**<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904094EAAAD2DA6F49-46504282-christmas>**

## **National Ugly Sweater Day!**

Friday, December 15 is National Ugly Sweater Day. Staff and Students are encouraged to wear a Christmas sweater (ugly or otherwise!). Sweaters/shirts only, no hats, etc. Must follow dress code.

We can't wait to see your sweaters!





**Advent starts this Sunday!**

**Our classrooms, hallways and office are starting to look like Advent!**

**We will be having 2 Advent Prayer Services a week until Christmas break.**

**If you are looking for something great to do during this season, check out the Hallow App.**

**<https://hallow.com/>**

**There is a ton of great content, and something for both adults and kids for Advent, including “Mary on the Mantle”.**

**If you’ve tried Advent daily prayer books and journals and give up after a few days, give this a try!**

**The cost per month is less than a TV subscription and much more beneficial!**

**(Hallow is not affiliated with St. Philip’s...we just think it’s really great.)**

## **Employment Opportunities**

### **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](mailto:cryan@crookston.org). Position open until filled.

### **PARISH ADMINISTRATOR**

St. Philip's Catholic Church seeks a full-time Parish Administrator. 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 and is 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

# CULTIVATING VIRTUES:

## Prayerfulness

This year we are using a series from OpenLight Media called “Cultivating the Virtues.” Every Monday at morning prayer, students learn about the virtue of the week. Teachers also teach more about the virtue throughout the week and staff “catches” students using the virtue to encourage them. This week the virtue was: Prayerfulness



### Christmas Youth Choir

**Anyone in grades 4-8** Limit of 20 youth!

We will have 2 practices – December 6 and December 13 – after school until 4pm.

We will lead the music at the **4PM Christmas Eve Mass!**

If interested, contact Bonnie Lee to sign up: [blee1@stphilipsbemidji.org](mailto:blee1@stphilipsbemidji.org) 218-441-4905-direct line

# **St. Philip's Pro-Life Poster Contest 2024**

**Sponsored by the St. Gianna Pro-Life group of St. Philips in Bemidji.**

- 1. Children in each grade are asked to draw a poster promoting life.**
- 2. Themes might be to stop abortion, or to be a thankful theme for life.**
- 3. Posters, using standard poster board, could be in any artistic format: pencil, pen stamp; ink, paints, markers, etc. (But not glued on items, as will be apparent in a later section.) It should be bold and readable from a distance.**
- 4. Posters will be judged by members of the St. Gianna group, members of the Knights of Columbus, and one of our priests or deacons.**
- 5. Winner will get a gift certificate to a local restaurant, plus a donation will be made in his or her name to the Northwoods Pregnancy Care Center.**
- 6. Winning poster will be produced as a banner to lead our annual Pro-Life March, proposed to be on January 20, 2024. (Being able to scan and reproduce the image is why cut outs and glued-on items should not be used.)**
- 7. The winning poster will be reproduced as placemats for use at the luncheon following the march (or for other events).**
- 8. Poster due date will be Dec. 20, 2023**
- 9. The fruits of this effort are to discuss pro-life issues in classrooms and at homes (as students discuss ideas with their parents).**

**Building pro-life values in our youth may be our best long-term approach in overcoming the decades of abortion advocacy in our society.**

**Perhaps this effort could in time spread throughout our diocese, and around the country.**

**2023 winner at  
Northwoods Pregnancy Care Center**



# We Need Help on the December Hot Lunch Line!

1. Come help us serve lunch, meet our students and other volunteers, get a free lunch, and earn volunteer hours!
2. Follow this link to sign up for Lunch Serving Line or Lunch Floor Helper:

<https://stphilipsbemidji.org/school> (click on the month under “Links”)

3. Some volunteers have mentioned having trouble signing up online. You can also call the school office at (218) 444-4938 or email [cgreen1@stphilipsbemidji.org](mailto:cgreen1@stphilipsbemidji.org).
4. Volunteers need to be Safety Environment Certified. Click here to take the certification: <https://www.crookston.org/secertification>
5. That's it! We love seeing our families in our school helping out! Thank you!

**Check out our St. Philip's Facebook page every weekday to see what's happening at St. Philp's School!**



St. Philip's Catholic School [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/stphilipsbemidji.com) page [www.facebook.com/stphilipsbemidji.com](https://www.facebook.com/stphilipsbemidji.com)

As with all the Social Media pages, the more you interact with our page the more our posts will show up in your Facebook news feed. We post multiple times each school day. Please follow and like our page and like, comment, and share our posts.

If you are at an event and get a few great St. Philip's Catholic School related photos, please feel free to share them with us. Email photo(s) and a short description of what the event was to [social1@stphilipsbemidji.org](mailto:social1@stphilipsbemidji.org). (Please note we may not be able to post all photos submitted.)



## PRIEST MEAL TRAIN!

Our priests work hard for our parish! Let's make life a little easier for them by providing a weekly meal (or two) they can enjoy or heat up after a long day.

If you would like to help out, please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up to provide a

meal to serve at least 3. Please comment on which day you will deliver the meal.

The best times would be **Monday-Friday during parish office hours** and you can drop them off with Tammy in the office.

They have no dietary restrictions.

**Thank you!**

**(Please label your dishes so the priests can get them back to you!)**

Click here to sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080f48abac28a6f94-priest?useFullSite=true#/>



# Upcoming EVENTS

Purple indicates information added to this calendar since the last Snippets.

Wednesday, December 6: No All School Mass Today

3rd-8th grade School Advent Reconciliation (9:30 am -12:30pm)

8th Graders to Dr. Will's Tree Farm. 10:30-1:30 pm

Thursday, December 7: 3rd-8th grade School Advent Reconciliation (9:30 am-1:30 pm)

Friday, December 8: 2nd Quarter Midterms

All School Mass (Feast of the Immaculate Conception.)

Monday, December 11: MathCounts Meet at Franklin Middle School in TRF. 10 am (This is a change in location.)

Fridays with the Father Dinner Theatre-Evening (This is a change in date in Snippets)

Friday, December 15: National Ugly Sweater Day. Staff and Students are encouraged to wear a Christmas sweater (ugly or otherwise!). Sweaters only, no hats, etc. Must follow dress code.

Monday, December 18: KPREP/Kindergarten Christmas Program. 12:30-1:30 pm in the church and social hall.

Wednesday, December 20: Christmas Program. 1:00 pm & 6:30 pm.

Friday, December 22-Tuesday, January 2: Christmas Break-No School

Wednesday, January 3: School resumes

Wednesday, January 3-Thursday, January 11: Roller Skating in Gym. 1st - 8th Grade

Friday, January 12: No School

Monday, January 15: No School



Tuesday, January 16: Math Counts Meet at St. Philip's. 10 am

Friday, January 19: 2nd Quarter Ends

Monday, January 22-26: Dance class for phy ed/music this week for 2nd & 3rd grades

Sunday, January 28-Friday, February 2: Catholic Schools Week

Monday, January 29: Open House for New Families Interested in St. Philip's School. 6:00-8:00 pm in the Social Hall at St. Philip's

Wednesday, January 31: Registration packets go home with current students

Monday, February 5: Registration opens for current students