

ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH

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St. Philip's Church

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Saturday at 4:00 PM
(Fishing Opener to Labor Day)

Holy Spirit Newman Center

BSU/NWTC
Sunday at 7:00 PM, Tuesday at 5:30 PM
(School year only)
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St. Philip's Clothing Depot

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Tuesday through Saturday
9:30 AM to 3:00 PM

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My Two Cents by Fr. Don Braukmann

The Advent season begins this weekend. As the days get darker longer we slowly journey together to the manger in Bethlehem where the Prince of Peace and King of Kings will once again offer us the hope only he can bring. Keep Christ in Christmas this season. May we not "survive" this season and be relieved when Christmas is over...may we "LIVE" this season as it is meant to be lived...anticipating with joy Christmas eve and day. Put lights on our hearts and not just our trees! Check the rest of the bulletin for details explaining our "Tubs of Love" and "Giving Tree" programs...along with other charitable events sponsored by the parish.

As part of our Advent journey and preparation for the Birth of the Savior, we will once again celebrate two "Days of Grace" at St. Philip's. On Saturday, December 13th and December 20th a priest will be in the Reconciliation Room in the Chapel at the top of each hour from 9am to 5pm. Starting with the top of the hour we will hear confessions until all have been heard in that particular hour. We will then return at the top of the next hour.

Take this time to celebrate the beautiful gift of forgiveness as we head toward Christmas.

Fr. Chuck and I are also available by appointment if these Saturday times do not work for you. Even if you have not celebrated the Sacrament in 30 years, just come...we will walk you through the process and assure you of the love Christ has for you!

Our next parish gathering for prayer at the local Planned Parenthood office will be on Saturday, December 13th at 1pm. We will pray the Rosary and, depending upon the weather, stay until 2pm in silent prayer. It is a fact that those driving by seeing our signs calling for our nation to defend the right to life are forced to reflect on their own stance on the issue. Sometimes we hear the honks of approval and sometimes we are shown well known sign language...either way, we are making a difference by challenging the status quo. Everyone is welcome to join in the prayer time.

On January 17th we will gather with our neighbors in the community to mark the 1973 Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion on demand in the United States. This annual March for Life has been part of the pro-life movement in the Bemidji region for many years. Join us, young and old, on Saturday, January 17th at Noon here at St. Philip's where the march will begin and end. After the March we gather back at St. Philip's to warm up and share some goodies. Thank you to the volunteers for their planning and the Knights of Columbus for their assistance as we join people of all denominations in support of life!

A last note: Plan ahead for our parish celebrations of Christmas! The Mass schedule for Wednesday, December 24th Christmas Eve is at 4pm, 6:30pm and 10pm. Christmas DAY Mass on the 25th will be at 10am. Remember, close to 1,000 folks have squeezed into the church for the 4pm Mass Christmas Eve. The other Masses offer a bit more elbow room!

Your Parish Representatives:

Parish Council Members: Wanda Baumgartner, Clark Chambers, Kevin Erpelding, Anita Froelich, Gary Gregg, Mike Headlee, Jodi Maki, Brent Rud, Theresa Wilander

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School Council Members: Bill Maki, Jaclyn Bergerson, Roben Beyer, Debra Carlson-Doom, Tiffany Fankhanel, Laura Schwindt

Trustees: Joann Gardner, Hank Krigbaum

First Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2014

Come, Lord Jesus!

MASS INTENTIONS For December 1 to December 7

Monday, December 1:

8:30 AM Mass: +Raymond Foley

Tuesday, December 2:

12:10 PM Mass: +Mary Gillespie

No Newman Center Mass This Evening

Wednesday, December 3:

8:40 AM Mass: +Kathryn Ann Walsh

Thursday, December 4:

8:30 AM Mass: +Lynne E. Molacek

10:30 AM Mass (Havenwood) +John Graupman

10:15 AM Communion Service (Baker Park)

Friday, December 5:

8:30 AM Mass: Win Carriere

Saturday, December 6:

8:30 AM Mass: +Mike Buckley

5:30 PM Mass: +Margaret Fulton

Sunday, December 7:

7:30 AM Mass: +Con Beaulieu

9:00 AM Mass: For the People

11:00 AM Mass: Special Intentions for SG

7:00 PM Mass (Newman): +Roger Schmickle

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday, December 1

8:05 AM Morning Prayer (Chapel)

9:00 AM to 9:00 PM Adoration (Chapel)

3:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 825 (Social Hall)

Tuesday, December 2

6:00 AM to 9:00 PM Adoration (Chapel)

3:15 PM Little Flowers

6:30 PM Pastoral Council, Finance Council, School Council (Social Hall)

7:00 PM Men's Basketball (Gym)

7:30 PM Marian Devotions (Chapel)

Wednesday, December 3

8:05 AM Morning Prayer (Chapel)

9:30 AM Rosary for Schools (Chapel)

3:15 PM Girl Scout Troop 42 (St. Kateri)

6:30 PM Faith Formation, Grades 1-11

Thursday, December 4

12:00 PM to 9:00 PM Adoration (Chapel)

5:00 PM Life Teen Band Practice (Church)

6:00 PM KC Board Meeting (Social Hall)

6:30 PM RCIA (St. Kateri)

7:00 PM Prayer & Praise (Chapel)

Friday, December 5

8:05 AM Morning Prayer (Chapel)

1:30 PM School Geography Bee (Church)

12:00 PM to 9:00 PM Adoration (Chapel)

Saturday, December 6

9:00 AM to 4:00 PM First Reconciliation (Chapel)

4:30 PM Reconciliation (Chapel)

Sunday, December 7

8:35 AM Rosary for Peace (Chapel)

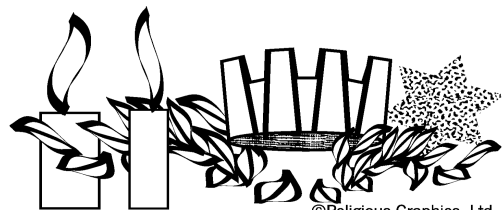
9:00 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word (St Gregory/Grt)

10:15 AM Baptism Class (St. Kateri)

10:15 AM Rosary for Peace (Chapel)

12:00 PM Life Teen Event (Social Hall)

4:00 PM Altar Server Training & Pizza Party (Social Hall)



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Bible Readings for the Week of December 1 ~ December 7

Monday, Dec 1:

- Is 2:1-5
- Ps 122:1-9
- Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday, Dec 2:

- Is 11:1-10
- Ps 72:7-8, 12-13, 17
- Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday, Dec 3:

- Is 25:6-10a
- Ps 23:1-6
- Mt 15:29-37

Thursday, Dec 4:

- Is 26:1-6
- Ps 118:1, 19-21, 25-27a
- Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday, Dec 5:

- Is 29:17-24
- Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14
- Mt 9:27-31

Saturday, Dec 6:

- Is 30:19-21, 23-26
- Ps 147:1-6
- Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday, Dec 7:

- Is 40:1-5, 9-11
- Ps 85:9-14
- 2 Pt 3:8-14
- Mk 1:1-8

INFORMATION & ACTIVITIES

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS



Parents or prospective parents who wish to present a child for Baptism are asked to attend a baptism preparation class.

The next session will be on December 7. Please call the parish office at 444-4262 to register, or for more information.

St. Philip's extends condolences to the families of **Patricia Nugent & John Bujanovich**. May they find rest and peace, & may their families find comfort in God's love.



Just a reminder **First Reconciliation Prayer Partner Cards** are due to the Faith Formation Office by December 1st. Cards can be dropped off at the Faith Formation Office, Parish Office or put in the Sunday



Offering - outside of the envelope should be marked Kris Jensen - Faith Formation. Having difficulty finding a card? The Parish Office has Reconciliation Cards.

Thanks for your Prayer Support!!

Many thanks to the parents who helped make First Reconciliation Activity Morning a fun-faith filled morning!!



SINCE YOU ASKED...

At the recent *Family Faith Night* held here, there were so many faith questions for Fr. Chuck & Fr. Don, and not enough time to answer them all. All of your questions were worthy of an answer, so they have kept the questions, and will answer them in this column every week:

Why do saints become patron saints of things and how was it decided? and what day they get?
How many saints are there? Who is your patron saint?

Saints are ordinary men and women who have lived heroic and faithful lives. By the way they lived their life and how they witnessed to Jesus alive in the world, they serve as an example for us. We know they see God face to face and are eternally present in heaven. The example of their life serves as an inspiration to people here on earth who find themselves in similar situations. For example: St Lucy is the patron saint of the blind and for healing of eyes. She was blinded as part of the torture when she was discovered to be a Christian. She is a model of strength. We celebrate her date on December 13th.

St. Anthony is invoked as the patron saint of lost things. A little jingle goes like this: "St. Anthony, please look around; something is lost and must be found." This comes from an incident where a novice carried off a prayer book St. Anthony was using. St. Anthony prayed very hard that the prayer book would be found. The novice saw an alarming apparition of St. Anthony. He quickly returned the prayer book. We celebrate his feast on June 13th the date of his death.

Saints become patrons of things associated with their life. The day is either their death date or a significant date in their life. The Vatican curia makes the decision. My patron saint is St Perpetua, a woman of courage. Go to www.americancatholic.org for a good size list. Patron saint of swimmers is St. Adjutor Feast day: April 30. Patron saint of dentists: Saint Apollonia June 9. Astronauts [St. Joseph of Cupertino](#): Cab drivers St. Fiacre

I have a series of books listing the saints of the church. It fills a bookcase. Some dates have as many as 15 or so saints for that particular day. How many only God knows for sure.

Stewardship of Financial Resources:

**Fiscal Year July 1, 2014 ~
June 30, 2015**

Week #21 Contributions (received the weekend of 11/23/2014)

Envelopes	\$	11,063.00
EFT Envelopes	\$	3,698.83
Loose Plate	\$	375.71
Children's	\$	45.94
Total		\$15,183.48

Fiscal Year to Date (Week #21):

Amount Contributed		
Envelopes	\$	323,433.57
Loose Plate	\$	20,326.20
Children's	\$	1,073.76
Total	\$	344,833.53
(99.58% of budget)		

Stewardship: A Habit of the Heart.

"Tubs of Christmas Love"

St. Philip's Church is again filling "Tubs of Christmas Love". The food and gifts collected will be shared with local low-income families or those experiencing hardship.

- From Nov 29th - Dec 14th, there will be green/red tubs that will serve as Christmas Baskets.
- The lid on each tub will have a label identifying the number of family members, ages of the children and may have some other specific information.
- The tub can be filled with items appropriate for a holiday meal, and/or a gift certificate for perishable food including items such as turkey, pie, etc. A family game or small gift items could also be included.
- Simply take a tub, fill it, and return it to the tree (on weekends) or to the parish office (during the week).
- Please remove the papers from the inside of the tub. **Return the filled tub by December 15th.** Please detach, and fill out the information slip on the side of the label that is on top of your tub and drop in the box or collection plate when you take the tub.

Bi-Cap, CEP, Headstart, Hope House and St. Mary's Mission have assisted us with the names for this year.



ST. PHILIP'S SCHOOL

Class Notes

November 29/30

- It's Advent. We will have special Advent Prayer Services at 8:35 A.M. on Monday and Friday, December 1 and 5. Please join us.
- Ms. Zimmermann's fifth graders will eat pizza with Fr. Chuck and Fr. Don this week because they had the highest percentage of students participating at the Marathon on Saturday, October 4. Congratulations!
- The fourth graders will be the Mass ministers for this week's school Mass on Wednesday, December 3, at 8:40 AM.
- Students in grades 3-8 will have the opportunity to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation during Advent. Those students who are preparing for their First Reconciliation will receive that sacrament on December 6th.
- Mid-term grades will be sent home with students in grades 5-8 on Wednesday, December 3rd.
- Over sixty students in grades 4-8 have already qualified for the first oral round of the National Geographic Geography Bee, which will be held on Friday, December 5 at 1:30 in the church. The final round is scheduled for Friday, January 9.
- You are cordially invited to attend our annual Christmas Program on Wednesday, December 17, at either 1:30 or 6:30 P.M. Besides a concert featuring our bands and choirs, we will present the play "The Christmas Chronicles" Please join us.
- Our Pre-Kindergarten classes will present their Christmas program on Monday and Tuesday, December 15 & 16, at 2:30 P.M. in the social hall.
- Get Safe Environment Certified now. Go to www.crookston.org and follow the Safe Environment prompts. Anyone who volunteers or works in the school needs to attain certification annually. (July 1 starts the new year of certification.) Thanks.



Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Turkey Bingo a huge success!! All proceeds help our youth attend *Steubenville Youth Conference, Just5Days* mission trip and gives an opportunity for our 8th grade students to earn money towards their class trip. A special **Thank You** to all our sponsors:

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2014 FALL CAMPAIGN RESULTS REPORTED

From within 297 registered cities in 11 countries participating:
726 babies (and their moms!) spared from abortion...
 that are known of! Total lives saved since campaigns were started:
 9,699

6 workers quit

Total workers quit since campaigns were started: 107

2 abortion centers closed

Total abortion centers closed since campaigns were started: 59

3,336 individuals participating

Total overall individuals since campaigns were started: 650,000

4,200 churches

Total overall churches since campaigns were started: 17,500

PRAYER WORKS!

*Actually meet one of the 9,699 saved babies on the 40 Days for Life website! www.40daysforlife.com (See November 20 post by Co-Founder, David Bereit.)

CAREGIVER CONFERENCE

Finding the Balance

Saturday, December 13

8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Adult Day Services

620 Carr Lake Rd, Bemidji

RSVP: 218-333-8265

Caring for a loved one can be challenging, especially during this time of year. Take this opportunity to get away from the stresses the holiday season can bring and join us for a **FREE** Caregiver Conference! **FREE** Respite Care also available. Contact Cindi at 218-333-8264.

Conference will include Breakfast, lunch, and a wide variety of topics associated with being a Caregiver.

Hosted by Northwoods Caregivers



We are very blessed at St. Philip's Faith Formation to have people who are called to help our children and youth grow in the Catholic Faith. They come from many walks of life: High School seniors, college students, adults with children in Faith Formation and adults who do not. What they all have in common is a desire to guide the children and youth along their faith journey and to share our faith and beliefs with them. We are most thankful for their dedication.

**Children's Liturgy of
the Word**

Susie Griggs
Lauren Griggs
Elli Morin & Family
Amy Gish & Family
Lisa Martin & Family
Anita Froelich
Abby Aylesworth

Elementary

Maura Chadwick
Sylvia Grimm
Megan Dondelinger
Brian Gooley
Angie Lauderbaugh
Tami Erickson
Ashley Hodapp
Sarah Glen
Peter Hartmann
Jenny Djonne
Megan McDonald
Laura Tenney
Angie Nistler
Cathy Hedstrom
Kim Nei
Denise Kern

Middle School

Brad Arel
Riley Brevig
Haley Frenzel
Patty Nagle
Zach Holcomb
Melissa Columbus
Steve Pflieger
Stephanie Bunich
Mark Studer
Kelly Brevig
Alice Martell
Chris Armstrong

High School

Cathy Lalli
Charity Hanevold
Grant Frenzel
Susie Solberg
Renae Donaghue
Rich Marsolek
Kurt Cease
Kelley Hengel
Dave Hengel
Courtney Beise Haskins
Amy Bofferding
Theresa Wilander

Jodi Maki
Pat Snell
Sandy Oustad
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Kevin Erpelding
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Mark Froehle
Stephanie Glen
Shelly Geerdes
Herb Bromenshenkel
Michele Minogue
Pam Gregg
Stephanie Downey
Sue Hengel

It is God's wish
that we grow in
our faith.

Mother Teresa

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Week of December 6-7

	5:30 PM	7:30 AM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
SACRISTAN	Terry Jones	Al & Jane Foley	Joann Gardner	Mary Herried
USHER	Richard Marsolek Glen Laginess HELP NEEDED HELP NEEDED	Ron Hendricks Jim Schneider HELP NEEDED HELP NEEDED	Jerry Downs Rick Coe Mike Headlee Norm Ricard	Hank Imsande HELP NEEDED <i>LIFE TEEN YOUTH</i> <i>LIFE TEEN YOUTH</i>
ALTAR SERVER	Emma Spaeth Isaac Frenzel	Jenay Boucher Matthew Arel	Macey Gish Julia Klisch	Lauren Berg Gwen Youso
LECTOR	Trish Jones Shannon Kilichowski	Elizabeth Upgren HELP NEEDED	Cory Gish Sue Hengel	<i>LIFE TEEN YOUTH</i> <i>LIFE TEEN YOUTH</i>
INTERCESSOR	Joanna Ferraro	Carol Schneider	John Carlson	<i>LIFE TEEN YOUTH</i>
GREETER	HELP NEEDED HELP NEEDED	Marian Qvern Vi Hendricks	Mickie Coe Missy Fagerstrom	<i>LIFE TEEN YOUTH</i> <i>LIFE TEEN YOUTH</i>
CAPTAIN	Betty Lindy	Al & Jane Foley	Nancy Goodman	Carol Rettinger
EMHC	Terry Jones Trish Jones Mary Jo Christenson Jane Wilcox Stephen Vencel HELP NEEDED HELP NEEDED	Megan Luke Al Foley April Boucher Patti Van Camp Brad Arel HELP NEEDED HELP NEEDED	George Gardner Joann Gardner Leslie Downs Rose Fagerstrom Mary Varriano Cathy Lalli Kathy Pfann Jerry Daniels Tori Koch	Mary Herried Jennifer Noble HELP NEEDED HELP NEEDED HELP NEEDED HELP NEEDED HELP NEEDED HELP NEEDED
HOSPITALITY		Jim Gavin Pat Gavin	Bob Griggs Susie Griggs Kevin Erpelding Lorie Erpelding	Don Rettinger Carol Rettinger Sue Wright Jean Louvar
MUSICIANS	Melissa Bartlett Joe Vene	Beth Henricks Hyrarn Price	Deb McGregor-Pfleger Kermit Erickson	Life Teen Band

ALL MINISTERS are asked to please call the parish office at 444-4262 or email to rnaylor@stphilipsbemidji.org by **December 15** to let us know dates when you are **not** available to do your ministry for the month of **January**. **Thank you!**

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