

ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH

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St. Philip's Church

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Sister Parishes

St. Charles Pennington
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)
1701 Birch Lane NE 218-444-4762

Diocese of Crookston

Victim Assistance Coordinator:
Louann McGlynn
218-281-7895
lmcglynn@crookston.org

St. Philip's Clothing Depot

218-444-3835
Tuesday through Saturday
9:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Manager:
Norma Himmelright

4th Sunday of Advent Greetings, and Merry Christmasë

The season of Advent, the season of anticipation comes to fulfillment with Christmas Day! Now the Christmas music that has been playing in the background makes perfect sense. The wonder counselor, the King of kings, the Lord of lords is here for each of us. The world's Savior has been born.

It is gratifying to have you so willingly come forward with your Jesus story. Relating how you have seen Him present in our world today. I love telling Jesus stories. Your experience and mine show that He is alive and well in our parish communities. The spirit of sharing, the spirit of giving is evidenced by the strong response to the tubs of love, the advent giving tree and the sharing of baked goods and presents. I have heard stories of families watching out for one another with connections and reconnections being made. The reason there is hope in the world is JESUS. How we can keep that spirit of sharing alive each and every day throughout the year?

This is also a season that can be hard on family members and parishioners that feel alone. A person close to them may have died in the last year and they are missing them or they may be separated or estranged from family. It is a time when we may forget to reach out to the lonely because we are very busy surrounded by many activities and people. Be Jesus to someone you know that maybe alone during this festive time and give them a call just to say I am thinking about you.

It is Advent let us Be Hopeful, Be Ready, Be Joyful and Be Loveë Jesus Loves You and so do Ië Merry Christmas Blessings, Fr Chuck

Welcome, Aana, St. Philip's Director of Music and Liturgy...

My name is Aana Freihammer, I am delighted to serve St. Philip's Parish as your Director of Liturgy and Music. I am so excited to begin working and praying in this beautiful community.

I grew up in Brainerd, MN, not too far from you! I went to the University of St. Thomas studying Liturgical Music and Catholic Studies with an emphasis in piano, and followed up with a graduate degree in Catholic Studies. During this time I worked in a small parish in Richfield, accompanying Masses in piano, organ, and directing their choirs. After graduation I accepted a full-time Music and Liturgy position at a Catholic Church in Lakeville and worked there for just over four years. This past November 29th, my husband Brandon Freihammer and I, married in our hometown of Brainerd, and after a tropical honeymoon trip, we are now settled in Bemidji with our dog, Mikko.

I really love my work in liturgical music, and I am so grateful for the opportunity to continue what I love at St. Philip's.



Your Parish Representatives:

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

Finance Council Members: Nick Berg, Eileen Bretschneider, Jeff Cwikla, Claude Sand, Shannon Schmitt

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

Trustees: Joann Gardner, Hank Krigbaum

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 21, 2014

O Lord, my Rock, my Savior!

MASS INTENTIONS For December 22 to December 28

Monday, December 22:

8:30 AM Mass: +Shad Reichmann

Tuesday, December 23:

12:10 PM Mass: +Ed O'Malley

NO Newman Center Mass

Wednesday, December 24: Christmas Eve

4:00 PM Mass: +Stephanie Vencel Leikvoll

6:30 PM Mass: +Bernard P. Schmidt

10:00 PM Mass: +Art Miller

Thursday, December 25: Christmas Day

10:00 AM Mass: +George & Lenore Aschauer

NO Nursing Home Mass Today

Friday, December 26:

NO Daily Mass Today

Saturday, December 27:

8:30 AM Mass: +Con Beaulieu

5:30 PM Mass: +George & Lenore Aschauer

Sunday, December 28:

7:30 AM Mass: Deceased Members of the Abbott Family

9:00 AM Mass: +Jack Fairbanks

11:00 AM Mass: For the People

NO Newman Center Mass

Monday, December 22

8:05 AM Morning Prayer (Chapel)

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

4:00 PM Servants of Shelter

Tuesday, December 23

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

4:00 PM Servants of Shelter

7:30 PM Marian Devotions (Chapel)

Wednesday, December 24

Parish Offices Close at Noon

Thursday, December 25 — Merry Christmas!

Parish Offices Closed

Friday, December 26 — Merry Christmas!

Parish Offices Closed

4:00 PM Servants of Shelter

Saturday, December 27

4:00 PM Servants of Shelter

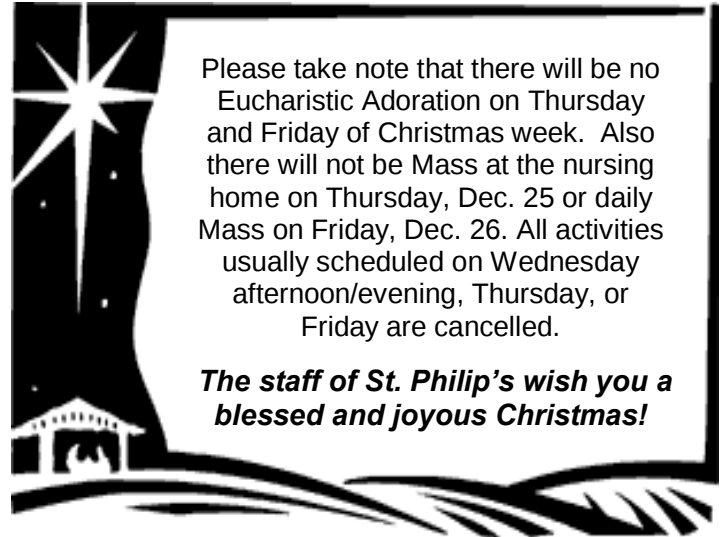
4:30 PM Reconciliation

Sunday, December 28

8:35 AM Rosary for Peace (Chapel)

10:15 AM Rosary for Peace (Chapel)

4:00 PM Servants of Shelter



Bible Readings for the Week of December 22 ~ December 28

Monday, Dec 22:

- 1 Sm 1:24-28
- 1 Sm 2:1,4-7,8a-d
- Lk 1:46-56

Tuesday, Dec 23:

- Mal 3:1-4,23-24
- Ps 25:4-5b,8-10,14
- Lk 1:57-66

Wednesday, Dec 24:

- Is 9:1-6
- Ps 96:1-3,11-13
- Ti 2:11-14
- Lk 2:1-14

Thursday, Dec 25:

- Is 52:7-10
- Ps 98:1-6
- Heb 1:1-6
- Jn 1:1-18

Friday, Dec 26:

- Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59
- Ps 31:3cd-4,6-8b,16bc,17
- Mt 10:17-22

Saturday, Dec 27:

- 1 Jn 1:1-4
- Ps 97:1-2,5-6,11-12
- Jn 20:2-8

Sunday, Dec 28:

- Sir 3:2-6,12-14
- Ps 128:1-5
- Col 3:12-21
- Lk 2:22-40

INFORMATION & ACTIVITIES

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS



Baptism
Classes

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 January 4. Please call the Parish Office at 444-4262 to register, or for more information.

St. Philip's Catholic Community welcomes through the waters of baptism, **Parker Jolynn Erickson**, daughter of Michael & Melissa Erickson, and **Levi Matthew Schaefer**, son of Richard & Liana Schaefer. May they be filled with the Holy Spirit!



St. Philip's extends condolences to the family of **Ella Jerome**, mother of Carolyn Gorham. May she find rest and peace, & may her family find comfort in God's love.

Christmas Flowers for St. Philip's Church will be supplied, in part, through the generous donations given by parishioners in memory of deceased loved ones, or in honor of the living.

If you wish to make a memorial, please use your Christmas Flower Offering envelope in your box of offertory envelopes. Or place your donation in an envelope clearly marked **Christmas Flowers**. Please indicate the name of the deceased person(s) your gift is in memory of or the name of the living person(s) your gift is in honor of.

Please place your envelope in the collection basket or turn it in to the parish office as soon as possible. All memorials will be published in the parish bulletin after the Christmas season.

Stewardship of Financial Resources:

Fiscal Year July 1, 2014 ~
June 30, 2015

Christmas Mass Schedule Church of St. Philip

Christmas Eve ~

Wednesday, December 24 :

* 4:00 PM

* 6:30 PM

* 10:00 PM

Christmas Day ~

Thursday, December 25:

* 10:00 AM

Oh Come Let Us Adore Him

ATTENTION LITURGICAL MINISTERS...

Christmas is almost here and there are still some holes to fill in the ministry schedule for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Ushers are needed at all the Masses, especially the 4:00 PM. **Sacristans** are needed at all Masses except the 4:00 PM. **Captains** are needed for the 6:30 PM Christmas Eve Mass and the 10:00 PM Christmas Day Mass. **Lectors** needed for 10:00 AM Christmas Day, and **Eucharistic Ministers** at the 10:00 PM Christmas Eve and 10:00 AM Christmas Day. **Greeters** are needed at all Masses, and one **Altar Server** is needed at the 10:00 PM Mass.

Many hands make the load lighter, so please offer a helping hand ò you'll be glad you did!



Week #24 Contributions (received the weekend of 12/14/2014)

Envelopes	\$	23,359.00
EFT Envelopes	\$	0 -
Loose Plate	\$	419.47
Children's	\$	35.70
Total		\$23,814.17

Fiscal Year to Date (Week #24):

Amount Contributed		
Envelopes	\$	376,977.18
Loose Plate	\$	21,985.14
Children's	\$	1,170.51
Total	\$	400,132.83
(101.10% of budget)		

Stewardship: A Habit of the Heart.

ST. PHILIP'S SCHOOL

ClassNotes

December 20/21

- It's the fourth week of Advent. Christmas is almost here. May you celebrate the birth of our Lord with family and friends. Merry Christmas.
- St. Philip's School is on Christmas Break.
- 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.

ATTENTION SNOWBIRDS!

There's a chill in the air, and with that means many of our parishioners are thinking about heading to their winter residences. If you are leaving and would like to receive the bulletin, please call the Parish Office with your winter address as well as the dates you will be gone.

Also, be sure to inform Robb Naylor if you are a liturgical minister, so he doesn't schedule you when you aren't in the area.



At that time the disciples came to Jesus saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them, and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me.." Mt. 18:1-5

HOW WONDERFUL TO BE REMINDED IN THIS SEASON OF HOPE THAT IT IS THE CHILD, SIMPLE IN HUMILITY AND FAITH, THAT IS FIT TO BE HELD AS THE GREATEST IN THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN. JUST AS THIS PORTRAYAL OF SHEPHERDS AND ANGELS AS CHILDREN WHO, FOLLOWING THEIR OWN CHILD-LIKE HUMILITY, BEAR WITNESS AND RECEIVE THE KING OF KINGS—SO, TOO, WE ARE CALLED IN SIMILARLY TROUBLED TIMES, TO ACT HUMBLY AND WITH THE FAITH OF CHILDREN TO ALSO RECEIVE OUR KING OF KINGS, MAKING ROOM IN OUR HEARTS FOR EACH AND EVERY LITTLE ONE GIVEN UNTO US BY GOD.

"See that you do not despise one of these little ones; for I tell you that in heaven their angels always behold the face of my Father who is in heaven." Mt. 18:10

*Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth
You have revealed to the little ones the mysteries of the Kingdom.
Mt. 11:25*

Pro-Life Action Ministries
WWW.PLAM.ORG

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:

This week's question is answered by Fr. Don.

I don't like going to Adoration. I don't have to do it, do I? Can I do something else?

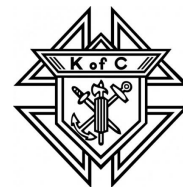
One of the beautiful things about our Catholic faith is the various forms of prayers and devotions we have which help us connect with God. When it comes to "adoration" I presume you are speaking about the devotion where we spend time with Jesus in the consecrated host which is placed in a monstrance on the altar. Here at St. Philip's, we have such adoration taking place four days a week. In our busy lives we sometimes fail to stop and reflect upon the importance of our faith and where our lives are headed. Partaking in adoration is a wonderful way to sit, quietly, with Christ...and taking the time to simply "be." Remember, we are human BEINGS, not human DOINGS. Christ, in the Eucharist, is a consistent, timeless presence we can be part of in a special way through adoration. It also helps us to keep from taking for granted the privilege we have of receiving Communion at Mass. Adoration is not a devotion we "must" do...but, instead, a powerful devotion we are "invited" to be part of...just sitting with Christ as he loves us.

Glory to God in the Highest

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The Knights of Columbus is currently involved in the AMERICAN WHEELCHAIR MISSION.

This is a world wide mission to place wheel chairs for people in need and anyone who wishes to participate, may. There are currently 2 wheelchairs in the church entry way that you may look to see what they are exactly like.



You may donate any amount that you wish as we wish to place in the local hotels motels and nursing homes. Or if you wish to purchase one for yourself the cost is \$150.00. You may place your donation in the Sunday Collection or drop it off at the church office. Or if you have any questions on this you may contact one of the officers listed.

Phil Hodapp Grand Knight 218 586 3415

Dan Shea Financial Secretary 218 760 6616

COURAGE

“Courage” is a Catholic apostolic outreach to persons with same sex attraction and grew out of a desire for guidance by Catholics needing support to live an authentic Catholic life. There are five goals Courage members themselves created for the group: to live chaste lives; to offer their lives in service to others and a strong spiritual lives for themselves; to support one another; to form healthy friendships; to be a good example/role model for others. Check out the website at Couragerc.org or call 701-356-7960. For an excellent explanation of Catholic teaching on the issue of same sex attraction and marriage check out whatisthethirdway.com

To our Pastors and Parishioners:

On behalf of Bishop Michael Hoeppner, the Diocese of Crookston and St. Mary's Mission in Red Lake, thank you **very much** for your generous donations and prayer intentions given to the St. Mary's Mission Appeal over Thanksgiving weekend. Be assured that the families and children served by St. Mary's Mission have greatly benefitted from your generosity, through Word and Sacrament and Christian education.

Office of Stewardship and Development

CLOTHING DEPOT

St. Philip's Clothing Depot will be closed for the Christmas holiday from December 24 through January 1st. Their doors will be open for business on January 2nd. The Clothing Depot Staff and Volunteers wish to thank everyone for their patronage over this past year!

START THINKING “LENT”

The weekend of Feb. 26 through March 1 Fr. Don will be the spiritual director for a Men's Cursillo Weekend. Cursillo is a Thursday night to Sunday afternoon gathering of men (women's weekend is set for March 19-22). The word “Cursillo” is Spanish for “short course.” It is pronounced KER-SEE-O. During the weekend, fifteen talks are given which range from the true meaning of grace to the role of the sacraments and prayer in our life. It is a relaxing weekend when you can simply put your “worldly” mind on pause and soak in great talks, great food and plenty of fellowship! Let Christ take your worries for a few days and let him refresh you. In prayer, ask him if he wants you there! For more information on either the men's or women's weekend, contact Fr. Don.

The Virgin is with child
and shall bear a son, and
she will call him
EMMANUEL

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COME CELEBRATE HIS BIRTH AT THE 35TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY HOLIDAY MEAL

*This is a FREE ham dinner with all the trimmings
and ALL are welcome!*

12 noon-1:30PM ~ Thursday, December 25

First Lutheran Church — 9th Street and Bemidji Avenue

Please join us for a meal and fellowship. Dinners will be delivered only to those who are homebound. We have drivers who can provide transportation to/from the meal.

If you would like to...

- Have a meal delivered
- Reserve a ride to the meal
- Volunteer to deliver meals or provide transportation

**Please call Marci at 556-0788 by
Monday, Dec. 22 at noon.**



If you would like to donate any of the following items:

Dinner rolls (75 dozen) • Butter (20 lbs) • Milk (12 gallons) • Cookies or bars (100 dozen) • Pickles (12 small jars) • Jello (15 lg. boxes, any red flavor) • Wrapped Candy (20 bags)

Please call Karen at 444-5989 by Monday, Dec. 22.



If you can volunteer for the following...

Wednesday, Dec. 24 (prep) - 9 a.m. to noon or
Thursday, Dec 25 (set-up/prep) - 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.
Thursday, Dec 25 - Kitchen Crew, Dining Area, Greeters, Cleanup or Dishwashers, **please call Kathy at 556-3364.**

**Monetary Donations are welcome. Checks may be made to
Bemidji Community Meals and sent to Kathy Luepke, 240 Co Rd 9,
Bemidji, MN 56601**

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Week of December 27-28

	5:30 PM	7:30 AM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
SACRISTAN	Flavia Sagedahl	HELP NEEDED	Joe Bofferding	Mary Herried
USHER	HELP NEEDED Dick Lehmann Richard Marsolek Terri Chmielewski	Bob McCalip Jim Gavin Bob Murray Wes Seitz	Bob Aitken Larry Mack Jerry Downs Norm Ricard	Hank Imsande Don Pohl Mark Moris HELP NEEDED
ALTAR SERVER	Allie Beyer Paulo Tinsay	Lucas Huewe Charlie McCalip	Sarah Bofferding Aidan Chadwick	Nicholas Youso Timothy Youso
LECTOR	Jim LeClaire Joanna Ferraro	Carol Schneider Darla Sathre	Luke Alexander Kay Mack	Tony Schussman Mary Lou Peters
INTERCESSOR	Joe Czapiewski	Pam Murray	Susan Baird	Carol Rettinger
GREETER	Barbara Passeri Lois Jenkins	Pete Kucera Sandy Kucera	Darlene Weber Jane Daniels	Rob Bollinger Lisa Bollinger
CAPTAIN	Betty Lindy	Patti Van Camp	Stephen Steele	Karen Merschman
EMHC	Kell Lovell Robb Naylor Flavia Sagedahl JoDee Treat Mary Jo Christenson Lynn Baird Stephen Vencel	Maggie McCalip Pat Gavin Marge Seitz Gerry Cardinal Jr. Jim Schneider Joyce Berg Mary Zigan	Joe Bofferding Amy Bofferding Maryhelen Chadwick Theresa Steele Dan Shea Ron Arel Ben Baird Brent Rud Leslie Downs	Mary Herried Chris Nyberg Susie Balstad Dotty Forrest Jane Baukol Jennifer Noble Courtney Haskins Sarah Glen HELP NEEDED
HOSPITALITY		Marjorie Bloberger John Bloberger	Michelle Sand Pat Schnell June Aitken Mary Bjerke	Marilyn Sundrud Neal Holmstrom Maureen Holmstrom Karen Black
MUSICIANS	Karenlee Alexander Hyrarn Price	Phill Hermann Dan Voss	Folk Group	Margaret DeMers Alan Merschman

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

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