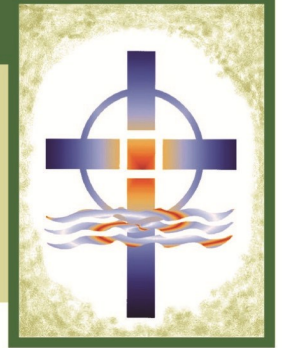


ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH

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December 7, 2025

Second Sunday of Advent

Pastor

Fr. David Blume

Parochial Vicar

Fr. Josh Salonek

Parish Office Hours

Mon-Fri 8:30AM-5:00PM

Mass Times

First Saturday 8:30 AM

Saturday 5:30 PM

Sunday 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM
& 11:00 AM

Monday 8:30 AM

Tuesday 6:30 PM

Wednesday 8:30 AM

Thursday 8:30 AM

Friday 8:30 AM

Reconciliation Times

Monday 9:00 AM

Tuesday 6:00 PM

Friday 9:00 AM

Saturday 4:00 PM

Sunday 10:30 AM

Rosary Times

Monday 8:05 AM

Wednesday 9:20 AM

Friday 9:35 AM

Sunday 8:35 AM

Adoration Times

Monday 9:00 AM-7:00 PM

Tuesday 5:00 PM-6:30 PM

Friday 9:00 AM-10:00 AM

School Information

218-444-4938

School Office Hours

Mon-Fri 7:45 AM-4:00 PM

Happy Advent,

This weekend we are celebrating the second Sunday of Advent. Advent is a short time of preparation, only four Sundays. During this season of Advent, we want to be sure that we are prepared for the two appearances of Jesus that we are anticipating. His birth on Christmas of course, but even more importantly, his second coming which we do not know when it will be! It is exciting to prepare for our celebration of Jesus' birth on Christmas morning. At our house we love to decorate our home with beautiful decorations, old and new, to bring back many good memories from the past and to make it as festive as possible to create a boatload of exciting new memories. It is a wonderful blessing to be able to celebrate the season with family and friends. It is also a spiritual blessing to be able to celebrate wonderful Christmas liturgies together with our parish family.

However, it is even more important that we prepare our hearts and our minds for the second coming of Jesus, our Savior and Redeemer! If you are reading this bulletin, I assume that you believe in Jesus. I assume that you believe he is the Christ, the Son of God. And, that he will come again to bring those who believe in him to heaven, to celebrate with him in paradise forever and ever. But, am I living my life as if my salvation matters?



Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. I have been baptized with the Holy Spirit and with fire! Am I living my life to the full for Jesus? Am I proclaiming Jesus to the world by what I say and do? Each of us has been called by our baptism to share in Christ's ministry, to share the Good News of the Gospel with our family, our friends and with all of our neighbors! We are to ask God for forgiveness when we fall short, strive to be holy so that we are ready when Jesus comes again, and we are called to do what we can to make sure that our family, friends, neighbors, and even strangers are prepared to join us in paradise when Jesus comes again!

So let us join together this advent to, 'prepare the way of the Lord.'

God bless, Deacon Kermit



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TO GIVE OR LEARN MORE ABOUT ST. PHILIP'S AT STPHILIPSBEMIDJI.ORG



Second Sunday of Advent
December 7, 2025

This Week in the Parish

For December 8-14, 2025

Monday, December 8

8:30 AM Mass: *For the People*
12:00 PM Mass: *For the People*
3:00 PM Little Flowers (Social Hall)
5:00 PM Blessed Sacrament of Healing (St. Kateri Rm)
6:30 PM Mass: *For the People*
7:00 PM AA Mtg (St. Kateri Rm)

Tuesday, December 9

6:00 AM School Council (St. Kateri Rm)
5:00 PM Cantor-Community (School Music Rm)
5:30 PM Men's Bible Study (St. Kateri Rm)
6:30 PM Mass: *+Michael & +Stephanie Gratkowski*
6:30 PM Beaver Catholic (Social Hall)
7:00 PM Men's Basketball (School Gym)

Wednesday, December 10

6:00 AM COR Men's Faith Formation (St. Elizabeth Rm)
8:30 AM Mass: *+Theresa Mutnansky*
11:00 AM Rosary (Havenwood)
6:30 PM Faith Formation

Thursday, December 11

8:30 AM Mass: *+Albert Kassa*
10:30 AM Communion Service (Goldpine)
10:30 AM Grief Support Group (St. Elizabeth Rm)
11:00 AM Judy Stai Funeral (Church)
5:45 PM Cub Scout Den Mtg (Cafeteria)
6:30 PM COR Men's Faith Formation (St. Elizabeth Rm)
6:30 PM OCIA (St. Kateri Rm)

Friday, December 12

8:30 AM Mass: *+Matt Kasper*
12:00 PM St. Cecilia Choir (St. Cabrini Rm)
12:45 PM The Upper Room (Social Hall)
1:00 PM Day of Grace (Confessions in the Chapel & Church)
3:00 PM Children's Christmas Choir (TBD)

Saturday, December 13

5:30 PM Mass: *+James Hotze*

Sunday, December 14

7:30 AM Mass: *For the People*
9:00 AM Mass: *+Robert Peters*
11:00 AM Mass: *+Liz Schulke*
12:30 PM Middle School Youth Group Christmas Party
4:00 PM High School Youth Group Christmas Party
+Mass Intentions

Sacramental Life

Baptisms

Parents who wish to have their child baptized, will need to complete the online Baptism Information form at stphilipsbemidji.org/baptism. The next class will be **Saturday, January 3 at 10:30 AM** in the St. Kateri Rm. Contact the Parish Office at 218-444-4262 for additional information.

Marriages

Congratulations! Please complete the online Marriage Information form at stphilipsbemidji.org/matrimony (one year to six months in advance) so that we can work with you to prepare for the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony. Contact the Parish Office at 218-444-4262 with any questions.

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 at 218-444-4262 to set up a time to meet with one of our priests. If hospitalized, indicate you are Catholic upon hospital admittance.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Raised Catholic but never Confirmed, or want to become Catholic? Contact the Parish Office at 218-444-4262 to visit with Deacon Kermit or Deacon Robb.

Religious Vocations

Contact Fr. Blume or Fr. Josh for more information.

The St. Philip's Catholic Community welcomes through the waters of baptism, **Emma Patricia Bartak**, child of Jordan and Jessica Bartak.



St. Philip's extends condolences to the family of **Judy Stai**. May she find rest and peace, and may her family find comfort in God's love.



Your Parish Representatives

Parish Council Members: Jamie Glen, Marilynne Hodapp, Kim Klinger, Betty Lindy, Mary Rindahl, Ryan Taylor

Finance Council Members: Grant Frenzel, Roger Heger, Luke Lundin, Kirby Washburn, Kevin Erpelding

School Council Members: Matthew Arel, Zachary Rupert, Sarah Haman, Sarah Martinka, Matt Boell, Julie Maus

Trustees: Phil Hodapp, Kay Mack

Financials — 10/01/25-10/31/25

	October Actual	October Budget
Income		
Parish:	\$110,090	\$110,100
School:	\$125,309*	\$97,083
	*Received a very generous estate gift	
Expense		
Parish:	\$110,893	\$116,693
School:	\$182,541	\$177,621
Day Care:	\$803 Profit	
Clothing Depot:	\$6,620 Profit	



Our Team Would Love to Pray for You

To have over 80 people pray for you or a loved one during a time of need or to be added to our prayer chain team.

Please Email: stphilipsprayers@gmail.com

Parish Life

Knight of Columbus

Deep within the heart of every man is a call to live with purpose and meaning; a call to lead, to protect, to serve, and to defend. Men today need a band of brothers – other Catholic men to share in that call, who walk together on the journey towards something better. You are invited to put your faith in action, go to www.KofC.org/JoinUs For more information contact the Knights at kofcbemidji@gmail.com or call John Marcum (320) 293-4515.



COR

COR, the men's prayer faith formation and fellowship will meet December 10th at 6:00AM and December 11th at 6:30PM in the Elizabeth Room.

THANK YOU to a great group of volunteers who delivered Meals on Wheels the week of Thanksgiving: Carl Leisenheimer, Bob Pohl, John Freise, Jon Hunt, Moe Webb and Marsha Stebe. Even though the weather was blustery you got all the meals and extra bags delivered! Well done, St. Philips! Next time to deliver will be January 26-30, 2026. If you are interested in this volunteer opportunity leave your name and phone number at the parish office.

Tubs of Christmas Love

Thank you to all who have sponsored a, "Tub of Christmas Love." They can be placed in the narthex of the church or returned to the Parish Office weekdays between 8:30AM-5:00PM by December 14. Names have been provided by: Bi-Cap, Headstart, Churches United, Housing Matters, Hope House and St. Vincent DePaul.



Dan Walter, Wesley Shaffer,
Jim Gavin, Arlene Bubar,
Winnie Simenson, Mary Yerbich,
Marty Yerbich, Emma Beise &
Jim Schneider

**Contact the Parish Office to add a loved one to the prayer list.*

Results have been revealed from the recently ended 40 DAYS FOR LIFE fall nationwide campaign (September 24 – November 2, 2025). A large focus of the November 18 Webcast "End Abortion Anywhere" revealed 184 abortion facility closings since prayer campaigns started in 2007. Of those closings, 94 cities have been identified as abortion-free cities following 40 Days for Life campaigns.

www.40daysforlife.com/Blog (November 18, End Abortion Anywhere)



Rosary

Monday, December 8 at
8:00 AM in the Chapel

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).



Congratulations to the following parishioners celebrating over 50 years or milestone Anniversaries in the month of December:

December 2-	Richard & Mary Chernugal	53 years
2-	Steve & Kay Motzko	53
2-	Jim & Janet Marzolf	30
5-	Bob & Jan Maas	58
10-	John & Monika Neumann	40
11-	Greg & Karen Hommerding	60
11-	Jeff & Cindy Dudley	54
13-	Gary & Mickie Allen	50
18-	Leo & Eileen Gothman	61
18-	Dennis & Hazel LaCroix	54
20-	Tim & Colleen Falk	45
21-	Jim & Susan Schmitt	54
29-	Doug & Louise Gish	53
29-	Jonathan & Michelyn Baker	35
30-	Louis & Deanna Pfann	64

Join one of our Christmas Music Ministries!

- **Children's Choir** (1st grade+) will sing for the 4:00PM Mass, December 24. Rehearsals are Fridays 3:15PM-4:15PM in the church. *Except December 12-TBD
- **Cantor Community** will sing for the 8:00PM Mass, December 24. Rehearsals are Tuesdays 5:00PM-6:15PM, in the Basement Choir Room.
- **St. Cecilia's Song Choir** will sing for December 25, 10:00AM Mass. Rehearsals are Fridays 12:00PM-1:00PM, in the Cabrini Room.



Instrumentalists encouraged to join us! Contact Tamara at tmoores1@stphilipsbemidji.org for more information.

Second Collection Next Weekend

Men and women religious have spent their lives serving others in prayer, ministry, education and care for those in need. As they age, they require essential care. Their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Please support them by giving to the **Retirement Fund for Religious**. Your donation makes a difference for nearly 20,500 senior men and women religious.

Grief Support Group

The group will be meeting Thursday, December 11 at 10:30AM in the St. Elizabeth Room. All are welcome.

**Sponsor of
the Week**

Birch Haven Village
An Independent Senior Community



www.eldercarebemidji.com
218-444-1700
1700 Norton Ave NW, Bemidji

The Clothing Depot will be closed
December 22 through January 2.
They will reopen on January 6.



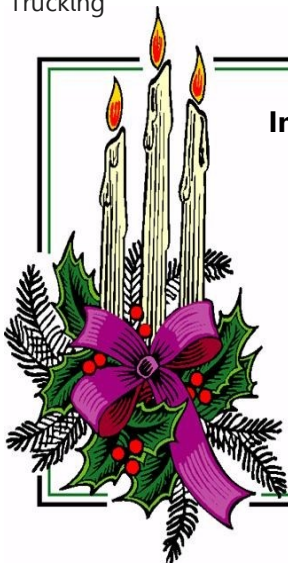
**The Solemnity of Mary,
The Holy Mother of God**
(Holy Day of Obligation)

Wednesday, December 31: 6:30PM
Thursday, January 1: 8:30AM & 6:30PM

THANK YOU to all those who attended Turkey Bingo on November 22nd to help support youth ministry at St. Philip's! We are so excited to report that we were able to give away 100 turkeys and over 50 pies this year! Proceeds from Turkey Bingo help fund our youth group events held each month throughout the year, as well as fund our scholarships offered to those students who attend summer camps and retreats throughout the year. We appreciate the support of everyone who helped with this event, as well as the generosity of everyone who attended this annual family event!

A special thank you to all of our sponsors this year:

Andy & Marge Mack, Frontier Electric/Jeff & Giulio Frenzel, Hank & Angel Krigbaum, Jim & Carol Schneider, Flat-Crete/The Chock Family, Eric & Tracie Walter, Dick's Northside/Chris & Charity Hanevold, Olson Schwartz Funeral Home/Kirk & Michelle Malkowski, Arel Pressure Washing/Matthew & Jenna Arel, Anderson Heating & Cooling/Corey & Andrea Anderson, Frenzel Construction/Pat & Brenda Frenzel, LePier Shoreline & Outdoors/Bryan and Sara LePier, Little Casear's Pizza/Bob & Nikki Brink, Mary Westrum, Murray Surveying, Derrick Ness Trucking



**Immaculate Conception of
the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Monday, December 8
8:30 AM (School Mass),
12:00PM & 6:30PM

Christmas Masses

Wednesday, December 24
4:00PM & 8:00PM
Thursday, December 25

Strengthen Your Faith

The Reason for Hope High School Formation Retreats

Are you a high schooler who desires to learn more about your faith? Have you had an encounter with the Lord that you desire to deepen? These retreats are for you!

Advent Retreat –December 13-14, 2025

Lent Retreat-March 7-8, 2026

Nazareth Retreat House, Crookston

Registration: www.crookston.org/reasonforhope

Koinonia

January 13-15, 2026

Central Minnesota Koinonia is a weekend Catholic retreat program sponsored by the St. Cloud Diocese at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, MN and is designed for adults to help you on your faith journey. Cost: \$70.00. For more information or to register go to www.centralmnkoinonia.org.

St. Therese of Lisieux Women's Silent Retreat

January 9-11, 2026. The retreat includes conferences, Mass, confession, Adoration, spiritual direction as well as time to pray, rest, and enjoy the Nazareth Retreat House. Ashley Njaa will be giving the conference sessions and Bishop Andrew Cozzens will provide the sacraments and spiritual direction. Register at: <https://crookston.org/silent-retreats>.

Handmaids of the Heart of Jesus Silent Retreat

January 16-18, 2026, Nazareth Retreat House. The retreat will consist of Mass, opportunity for Confession, talks on prayer, time for silence, and an opportunity to meet with a sister for one-on-one meetings. During this retreat they hope to provide a protected space where He can speak to your heart and renew you in His love. Register at: <https://crookston.org/silent-retreats>.

Come All Who Are Burdened Healing Retreat

January 23-25, 2026. More than 10 priests, deacons and several individuals trained in the healing ministry will share the mighty works of Jesus Christ and His Healing power in talks and individual sessions. Time for prayer, adoration, confession, and private spiritual direction session with a priest or deacon. You will also have the opportunity to spend private time in a prayer session with a team made up of a priest or deacon and one or two individuals trained in the healing ministry. <https://www.crookston.org/jesus-heals>

Men's Silent Retreat

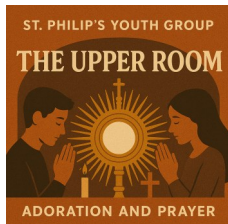
This retreat led by Bishop Cozzens on January 29-February 1, 2026 will consist of conferences to help you to relate and receive from God in the present, with daily Mass, daily Eucharistic Adoration, spiritual direction, silence and solitude. There will be plenty of guidance on being silent. <https://www.crookston.org/silent-retreats>

Pre-Marriage Retreat: February 28-March 1, 2026

All engaged couples are invited to attend a Pre-Marriage Retreat, *Transformed in Love*, hosted by the Diocese of Crookston. The Pre-Marriage Retreat will be held at the Diocese of Crookston Nazareth Retreat House in Crookston. It begins on Saturday at 11:00AM with Mass and concludes on Sunday afternoon at 3:00PM. Two private bedrooms, meals, and materials will be provided for the couples on site at the Nazareth Retreat House. For more information contact Misty at mmehrkins@crookston.org.

Looking Ahead...

Day of Grace: December 12
Youth Group The Upper Room: December 12
Youth Group Christmas Party: December 14
School Christmas Concert: December 17
All Pro Dads Christmas Party: December 20
Parish Office Closed: December 25 & 26
Youth Group The Upper Room: January 9
KC Pancake Breakfast: January 11
Youth Group Ski Day: January 11
Youth Group The Upper Room: January 19
St. Philip's School Band & Choir Concert: January 21
March for Life: January 24



The Upper Room

December 12
 Confession at Day of Grace
 then Fellowship
 12:45PM-2:45PM

High School Students Welcome!

YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday, December 14

At St. Philip's Social Hall

Middle School: 12:30PM-3:00PM

High School: 4:00PM-6:30PM



All Pro Dad's Christmas Party

St. Philip's Social Hall
 Saturday, December 20
 9:00AM-10:30AM



Breakfast...Bonding...Christmas Fun!



Youth Group Ski Day

Sunday, January 11th at
 Buena Vista



Join the March for Life

Saturday, January 24, 2026
 12:00 Noon
 Beltrami County Courthouse

Bring the whole family, as this is a pro-life march for all age groups, from the youngest to the oldest

Ministry Schedule ————— December 13th~14th, Third Sunday of Advent

	Saturday, December 13 5:30 PM	Sunday, December 14 7:30 AM	Sunday, December 14 9:00 AM	Sunday, December 14 11:00 AM
SACRISTAN	Janet Moris	Monica Arel	Stephanie Downey	Please Help
LECTOR 1	Richard Lehmann	Marie Alexander	Kevin Erpelding	Gretchen Buxton
LECTOR 2	Richard Lehmann	Matthew Arel	Nancy Goodman	Carol Rettinger
CAPTAIN	Betty Lindy	Brad Arel	Deacon Kermit Erickson	Deacon Kermit Erickson
EMHC	Glenn Aagard Jenny Djonne Pat Gavin John Marcum Kelly Marcum	Luke Alexander Monica Arel Joan Klobe Mary Zigan	Jeff Cwikla Mike Hougen Julie Maus Mark Studer Rachel Washburn	Courtney Beise Sydney Beise Gary Johnson Karen Williams Sharon Zarrett
ALTAR SERVER	John Breczinski Simon Breczinski Sophia Breczinski	Nicholas Amberg Elizabeth Arel John Arel	Ben Hougen Kylie Washburn Rebekah Zilka	David Buxton Samantha Buxton Please Help
USHER	Andrew Breczinski Glen Laginess Janet Moris Mark Moris	D.J. Bakken Matt Dockendorf David Hoefer Jennifer Hoefer	David Maus Bob Schlichting Dominick Washburn Andrew Washburn	Ayden Homer Frank Homer Scott McLean John Miesen
GREETER	Patricia Hadrava Frances Schmitt	Kerri Hartman Amy Sanden	Sue Melhus Peggy Nohner	Brenda Borowicz Chris Rathbun
HOSPITALITY/ FELLOWSHIP		Ann Nistler Tony Nistler	Mickie Coe Rick Coe Lorie Erpelding Kevin Erpelding	Pearl Cervenka Gavin Jaschke Elise Jaschke Karen Schaar

Contact Fr. Josh at frsalonek@stphilipsbemidji.org or 218-441-4902, for more information on liturgical ministries.

