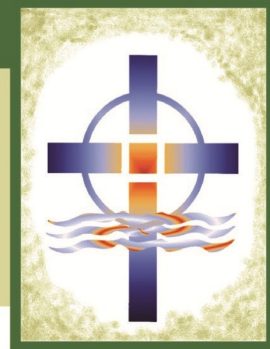


To Accomplish God's Work

ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH

702 BELTRAMI AVE. NW, BEMIDJI, MN 56601
218-444-4262 email: rector@stphilipsbemidji.org



July 5, 2026
Fourteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Pastor

Fr. David Blume
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Parochial Vicar

Fr. Josh Salonek
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Parish Office Hours

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

Mass Times

First Saturday 8:30 AM

Saturday (Pennington) 4:00 PM

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

Clothing Depot

Tues-Fri 9:30 AM-3:00 PM



Totus Tuus: A Week of Joy, Faith, and Community

What a tremendous blessing it was to welcome Totus Tuus back to St. Philip's this past June!

Throughout the week, our children and teens encountered Christ through prayer, the sacraments, joyful games, music, and authentic friendships. During the day program, students learned about the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary and the Ten Commandments while growing in their understanding of God's love for

them. The missionaries brought incredible energy, joy, and enthusiasm to every lesson, song, skit, and activity. It was a beautiful reminder that our Catholic faith is meant to be lived with both reverence and joy.

One of my favorite moments each day was attending Mass with the children. As they processed forward for Communion, those who had not yet received their First Holy Communion crossed their arms for a blessing while everyone sang, "Father, I adore You, and I lay my life before You, how I love You." Hearing dozens of children's voices sing those words together was a simple but powerful reminder that the goal of Totus Tuus is not simply to teach about the faith, but to help young people fall more deeply in love with Jesus Christ.

Our evening program for middle and high school students was equally impactful. Each night began with a shared meal before moving into games, witness talks, and small group discussions. There is something profoundly important about sharing a meal together. Around the table, conversations begin, walls come down, friendships are formed, and



hearts become more open to hearing the Gospel. Those simple dinners created an atmosphere where our young people could encounter not only the missionaries but also one another in a meaningful way.

A special word of gratitude goes to our five Totus Tuus missionaries. Thank you for your joyful witness, your love for Christ, and your generous service to our parish. Your example inspired our young people and reminded all of us of the beauty of a life lived for the Lord.

Finally, this week simply would not have been possible without the incredible generosity of our parish family. Thank you to everyone who volunteered during the day or evening programs, prepared or hosted meals, donated snacks and supplies, contributed financially, prayed for the week, or quietly served behind the scenes. Every act of generosity helped make Totus Tuus a success.

If your family was unable to participate this year, we encourage you to watch for registration next summer. Totus Tuus is one of the highlights of the year at St. Philip's, and we hope to welcome even more children and teens in 2027. Please continue to pray that the seeds planted this week will continue to grow and bear fruit in the lives of our children, teenagers, and families for years to come.

*In Christ,
Libby*





Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Week in the Parish

For July 6 ~ July 12, 2026

Monday, July 6

8:30 AM Mass: +Jim Gavin

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

Tuesday, July 7

10:00 AM Visitation for Patrick O'Malley (Social Hall)

11:00 AM Funeral for Patrick O'Malley (Church)

6:30 PM Mass: Diocese of Crookston Seminarians

Wednesday, July 8

8:30 AM Mass: +Joe Blume

9:00 AM Just Coffee (Social Hall)

11:00 AM Rosary (Havenwood)

4:30 PM XLT Nights (Church)

Thursday, July 9

8:30 AM Mass: Special Intentions for Nick Snell

10:30 AM Mass (Neilson Place)

10:30 AM Communion Service (Goldpine)

5:00 PM St. Vincent de Paul (St. Elizabeth Rm)

Friday, July 10

8:30 AM Mass: +Theresa Mutnansky

10:30 AM St Cecilia Choir (Church)

Saturday, July 11

11:00 AM Baptism Class (St. Kateri Rm)

4:00 PM Mass (Pennington): +Deceased Members of the Walter Rutten Family

5:30 PM Mass: +Archie & +Beverly Tolman

Sunday, July 12

7:30 AM Mass: For the People

9:00 AM Mass: +Phillip Wattles

11:00 AM Mass: Special Intentions for Hannah Lundin

+Mass Intentions

Daily Readings

<https://bible.usccb.org/daily-bible-reading>

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. The next class will be **July 11th at 11:00 AM** in the St. Kateri Room. Please contact the Parish Office at 218-444-4262 or aheadlee1@stphilipsbemidij.org for additional information.



Marriages

Please contact the Parish Office six months or more in advance to prepare for the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony.

Financials

May 2026

Parish	Actual	Budget
Revenue	\$281,314	\$97,095
Expenses	\$97,070	\$103,599
Profit/(Loss)	\$184,244	(\$6,504)

*Received employee retention credit from IRS (unbudgeted)

*Investment interest taken for maintenance project (unbudgeted)

St. Philip's School

Revenue	\$89,189	\$86,083
Expenses	\$178,826	\$177,621
Profit/(Loss)	(\$89,637)	(\$91,538)

Little Saints Daycare +\$2,047

Clothing Depot +\$3,441

Saint Spotlight



St. Damien of Molokai

January 3, 1840-April 15, 1889

Feast Day: May 10; Patron Saint of Hawaii

- Joseph de Veuster was born in Tremelo, Belgium.
- At age 13 he was forced to quit school to work on the family farm.
- He entered the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary six years later.
- St. Damien's brother, a priest, was supposed to go to the Hawaiian Islands but was unable to due to sickness. St. Damien volunteered to take his place. In May of 1864, St. Damien was ordained a priest.
- In 1873 he went to the island of Moloka'i, the leper colony.
- He volunteered to remain permanently, caring for people's physical, medical & spiritual needs.
- He became an effective advocate to obtain promised government support.
- Moloka'i soon had new houses, school, church & orphanage.
- He succeeded in getting the Franciscan Sisters of Syracuse, led by Mother Marianne Cope, to help staff the colony.
- St. Damien contracted Hansen's disease (leprosy) & died of complications.
- When Hawaii become a state, Damien of Moloka'i was one of the representatives in the Statuary Hall at the U.S. Capital.

TO: Diocese of Crookston Northeast Deanery Parishioners

FROM: The Most Rev. Andrew H. Cozzens

DATE: June 13, 2026

RE: Letter from Bishop Cozzens regarding Northeast Deanery Decisions
Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Grace and peace to you.

Jesus last words to his disciples were, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

These words brought our ancestors to Northwest Minnesota more than a hundred years ago and have guided the work of the Church for generations. They continue to guide the decisions we make today, especially the knowledge that Jesus is always with us.

Today I am writing to share important decisions regarding the future celebration of Sunday Mass in several parishes of the Northeast Deanery of the Diocese of Crookston. I do so with gratitude for your faith, appreciation for your participation in this process, and awareness of the grief that many will experience upon receiving this news.

First, I want to thank the many parishioners of your parishes, clergy, and members of our Diocesan Planning Commission who have devoted countless hours to prayer, discussion, and discernment throughout the past year. Together, we have sought the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we considered how best to carry out the mission of making disciples in this region with the limited resources God allows.

These decisions will bring many of us to experience the Paschal Mystery of Jesus Christ, his death and resurrection. The life of the Church throughout the ages often reflects Jesus' own life. With Jesus, we discover the path to new life comes through the Cross. He promises to be with us always (Mt 28:20) no matter our struggles, and we must trust in his promise to bring new life through our grief.

Consultation and Discernment Process

This decision is the culmination of an extensive process that began in the fall of 2025.

When it became clear that changes in priest assignments would mean one less priest in your area, it forced us to rethink how our parishes would be served in the future. Thus, we began a process of consultation and discernment. Last November, I personally visited the affected parishes to listen to parishioners, answer questions, and explain the process we would undertake together.

In December, parish discernment teams were formed with representatives from every parish involved. These teams met regularly throughout the winter and spring. They visited every church location, reviewed demographic and parish data, examined strengths and challenges, prayed together, and discussed how we might best fulfill the Church's mission in the years ahead.

Throughout the process, members of the Diocesan Planning Commission accompanied the work of the parish teams. I also met personally with representatives from each team to hear their recommendations and concerns directly this spring.

At the end of May, after receiving recommendations from the parish teams, the Diocesan Planning Commission gathered for prayer and discernment. Following their recommendation and after my own prayerful consideration, I accepted their proposal regarding the future celebration of Sunday Mass in the Northeast Deanery.

Why Change Is Necessary

The decision to cease celebrating Sunday Mass at a church is among the most difficult decisions a bishop must make.

Our parish churches are not simply buildings. They are sacred places where generations have gathered to celebrate the Eucharist, the source and summit of our life. They are places where families have celebrated central moments in their lives like baptisms, weddings, confirmations, funerals, anniversaries and countless Sundays gathered to hear his Word and to share in his Life.

At the same time, we must acknowledge the changes that have happened in our communities over the past decades.

Throughout this whole area of our diocese the population has been decreasing. Fewer people means schools have been combined, and civic resources are being shared throughout. And the demographers tell us this trend will continue with as much as a 40-60% decline in population in these counties in the next two decades. Some of these small parishes have no young people in religious formation, or at least very few. Some have trouble finding volunteers to keep the parish going. Some have trouble finding quality musicians to support the worship of God.

We also continue to experience a shortage of priests. While our priests serve generously, there are limits to the number and locations of Masses they can celebrate on any given weekend. We must ensure that they can provide sustainable pastoral care and remain true spiritual fathers to the communities entrusted to them.

Most importantly, we must focus on the mission of the Church. The goal is not simply to preserve structures but to build communities capable of evangelization, discipleship, outreach, and growth. By bringing resources together, we can strengthen parish life and create vibrant communities that will serve future generations.

Throughout this process, I have often reflected on Jesus' words in John 15 about pruning. Pruning is difficult, but it is done so that new growth may occur. While these decisions are painful, they are intended to help position our parishes for a hopeful

and fruitful future.

The Decision

After these months of discernment and consultation, I have accepted the recommendation that Sunday Mass cease to be celebrated at the following churches:

- St. Francis Xavier, Oklee
- St. Ann, Goodridge
- St. Philip, Falun
- St. Mary, Badger

I know this announcement will bring sadness to many faithful Catholics. If this feels like a loss, it is because it truly is a loss. It is truly appropriate to grieve. The deep love people have for these churches and parish communities is a testament to the faith that has been lived there for generations.

Yet as Christians, we also know that the Paschal Mystery teaches us that death can lead to resurrection and that sacrifice can give way to new life.

Parish Meetings

I will personally visit each affected parish later this month to pray with parishioners, discuss the transition process, answer questions, and begin forming transition teams that will help guide the next steps.

The meetings are scheduled as follows:

St. Ann, Goodridge — Wednesday, June 17, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

St. Francis Xavier, Oklee — Thursday, June 18, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

St. Mary, Badger — Sunday, June 28, 2026, at 12:00 p.m.

St. Philip, Falun — Sunday, June 28, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.

I encourage all parishioners to attend.

Final Sunday Masses

Mass will continue as currently scheduled throughout the summer.

The final Sunday Masses will be celebrated as follows:

Sunday, August 30, 2026

St. Philip, Falun

St. Mary, Badger

Sunday, September 20, 2026

St. Francis Xavier, Oklee

St. Ann, Goodridge

At this time, no decisions have been made regarding parish mergers, canonical status, or the future use of church buildings. Those matters will be discerned during the coming months.

A Word to the Whole Deanery

I also wish to speak to those parishes that will continue to celebrate Sunday Mass.

Your neighbors are making a significant sacrifice for the good of the Church. I ask you to welcome them with generosity, patience, and compassion. Walk beside them in their grief. Help them find a home in your communities. In doing so, you will embody the love of Christ and help build a stronger Church for future generations.

Looking Forward in Hope

Christian hope is not simply optimism. Hope acknowledges suffering while trusting that God remains at work.

I have witnessed communities face similar challenges before. While the process was difficult, God brought forth new life through the sacrifices that were made. Strong ministries developed, young families became engaged, and parish communities grew stronger.

I believe God desires the same future for us.

Throughout this transition, remain close to Jesus in the Eucharist. His Sacred Heart is filled with tender compassion for each of you. He sees your sorrow, walks with you in your grief, and will guide us forward.

Please know that I, our priests, the Diocesan Planning Commission, and Catholics throughout the Diocese of Crookston are praying for you. During the month of August, every parish in our diocese will be invited to pray in a special way for the communities affected by these changes.

We are one Body in Christ. Together, trusting in the Lord and relying on his grace, we will continue the mission he has entrusted to us.

May God bless you today and always.

Sincerely, in Christ,

The Most Reverend Andrew H. Cozzens, S.T.D., D. D.

Bishop of Crookston

Parish Life



No Parish Council Meeting in July Summer Break

Beltrami County Fair Booth Volunteers Needed

St. Gianna's Group will be leading the MN Citizens Concerned for Life booth at the fair, August 12-16. Volunteer shifts are from Noon-9:00PM. Please call Bernadette at 218-760-2637 to volunteer at the booth or help in any way.



St. Gianna's Group Cancelled

St. Gianna's Group Meeting and the 6:00PM Rosary are canceled on July 7th.



2026 Summer Recital Series

Wednesday, July 8
12:00 PM - 12:30 PM

Wade Martin, vocalist; Jenn Ellis, piano; Amanda Willis-Martin, piano; Mathison Martin, piano; Shar Paquette, piano
St. Baptist Church, 1555 Paul Bunyan Dr NW, Bemidji



American Red Cross Blood Drive

Tuesday, July 21 ~ 10:00AM - 4:00PM
St. Philip's Church Social Hall

By appointment only. Call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org - enter zip code: 56601

The Youth Group & Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a bus to attend Rescue Live.

Only \$15.00 per seat!

Tickets for Rescue Live not included.

Scan the QR code to register.



Young Families Mass & Mingle

Wednesday's During the Summer
9:00AM ~ 10:30AM

Fellowship, Conversation & Playtime



Second Collection Next Week for Peter's Pence

Next week we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including the charitable works of Pope Leo XIV. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression and disasters. Be a sign of hope with your generosity. For more information, visit www.obolodisani Pietro.va/en.html.



Prayers~ To have over 80 people pray for you or a loved one or to be added to our prayer chain team email: stphilipsprayers@gmail.com.

Looking Ahead...

XLT: July 8

All Pro Dad's: July 18

American Red Cross Blood Drive: July 21

Women at the Well: September 24

DCYC: September 27

Rescue Live: October 10

STUDENTS IN GRADE 6 THROUGH RECENT GRADS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR

XLT Nights

Schtick
Supper
Presentation
Adoration
Praise & Worship
Confession
Bonfire

"I WILL EXALT YOU, MY GOD AND KING;
I WILL PRAISE YOUR NAME
FOREVER AND EVER!"
- Psalm 145

WEDNESDAYS:

8 JULY, 2026 | 4:30-10 PM

ST. PHILIP'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
702 BELTRAMI AVE NW | BEMIDJI, MN

12 AUGUST, 2026 | 4:30-10 PM

BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH
342 4TH ST S | GREENBUSH, MN

MORE INFO / RSVP: MISTY - MMEHRKENS@CROOKSTON.ORG

All Pro Dad's Family Picnic

July 18th

Boardwalk Mini Golf & Snack Shack
BBQ at the South Shore Pavilion



Diocese of Crookston Youth Conference (DCYC)

Sunday, September 27 ~ 10:00AM-5:00PM

Sanford Center, Bemidji

Open to students in grades 6-12
(lunch and supper included)

Georgia Clarke, Fr. Joe Kim, Jon Martin &
Bishop Cozzens will share their witness &
love for Jesus Christ.

Scan the QR code to register!



DCYC

DIOCESE OF CROOKSTON
YOUTH CONFERENCE

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).

Strengthen Your Faith

Esto Vir!

Monday, July 13-Thursday, July 16, 2026

A vocation camp for young men entering their sophomore year of high school through young adulthood. It is an opportunity for those men who may be open to the priesthood to come together and spend some days in community with each other and the seminarians of the diocese. Includes games, Mass, prayer, food, and fellowship. <https://crookston.org/attend-a-retreat>

Come Away, My Beloved: Women's Semi-Silent Retreat

Thursday, August 20 - Sunday, August 23, 2026

Come away, my beloved is a retreat to give your heart a chance to rest and encounter the one love that is above all others: the faithful love of God for each of his chosen people. The retreat will begin with a shared meal with conversation so you can meet the women with whom you will be praying. Silence begins after supper until breakfast on Sunday. Mass, Holy Hours, Confession, Spiritual Direction, and free time will be available. <https://crookston.org/attend-a-retreat>

Women's Cursillo

Thursday, September 24 - Sunday, September 27, 2026

You will hear inspiring talks on what it really means to be a Christian, but actually experience the joy of building and being part of a genuine Christian community. <https://crookston.org/attend-a-retreat>



Till Death Do Us Part

Monday, October 5 - Wednesday, October 7, 2026

A retreat designed specifically for widows or widowers who are on the journey of life after the death of a beloved spouse. We will search to see how God blesses and is active in our lives: in the past, in our new self, our family, our friends and the future. We will explore the changes in our pattern of life and how we cope with the world in a new "normal". Together we will search for meaning in the question: How can our relationship with Jesus bring us fulfillment, peace, and joy? <https://crookston.org/attend-a-retreat>

Men's Cursillo

Thursday, October 22 - Sunday, October 25, 2026

You will hear inspiring talks on what it really means to be a Christian, but actually experience the joy of building and being part of a genuine Christian community. <https://crookston.org/attend-a-retreat>



RESCUE LIVE

Saturday, October 10th ~ 8:00AM-5:00PM

Alerus Center ~ Grand Forks, ND

Ministry Schedule

July 11 ~ 12 ~ Fifteen Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Saturday, July 11 5:30 PM	Sunday, July 12 7:30 AM	Sunday, July 12 9:00 AM	Sunday, July 12 11:00 AM
SACRISTAN	Betty Lindy	Jennifer Hoefer	Joann Gardner	Please Help
LECTOR 1	Joe Czapiewski	Sue Bruns	Mary Walter	Carol Rettinger
LECTOR 2	Please Help	Jennifer Leisenheimer	Chloe Derby	Karen Merschman
CAPTAIN	Kelly Marcum	Deacon Kermit Erickson	Deacon Kermit Erickson	Please Help
EMHC	Myrna Corvelli Cathy Lalli Betty Lindy Cindy Marshall Mary Wang	Matthew Arel April Boucher John Carlson Erin Powers	Dianna Bromaghin Alex Froelich Doug Gish Louise Gish Pat Welch	Gary Johnson Karen Williams Please Help Please Help Please Help
ALTAR SERVER	Benjamin Curran Isaac Morin Reese Truax	Peter Hodapp Lucy Hodapp Lauryr Urman	Simon Breczinski Sophia Breczinski Isaiah Caouette	Lennix Fratzke (sub req.) Paxton Fratzke (sub req.) Taylor Podmore
USHER	Mary Jo Christenson John Marcum Gabriel Morin Dick Robinson	D.J. Bakken Ephram Boucher Gary Bruns Please Help	John Breczinski George Gardner Phil Hodapp Brent Rud	Please Help Please Help Please Help Please Help
GREETER	Jean Louvar Gabriel Morin	Ann Mork Daniel Shea	Jane Daniels Peggy Nohner	Rita Lauderbaugh Sue Melhus
HOSPITALITY/ FELLOWSHIP		3rd Order of Carmelites	3rd Order of Carmelites	3rd Order of Carmelites

Contact Fr. Josh at frsalonek1@stphilipsbemidji.org or 218-441-4902, for more information on liturgical ministries.