

ST. PHILIP'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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HOLY CROSS CEMETERY

End-of-Summer Update

As summer comes to an end and we begin to look toward fall, I wanted to provide an update on Holy Cross Cemetery. I know many of us have loved ones resting there, and I want to keep everyone informed about the improvements and projects taking place throughout the cemetery.

A quick reminder that our fall cleanup will be coming up soon. Once a date has been finalized, I will share that information in a future bulletin. In the meantime, if you are able, please begin removing as many ground decorations as possible.

Many ground decorations become covered by snow during the winter months. This can create problems if a winter burial is necessary, as decorations left in the ground can become caught in the snowblower while we are clearing access to the burial site. We greatly appreciate everyone's help in keeping the cemetery safe and accessible throughout the winter.

A New Sprinkler System!

If you have visited Holy Cross over the past few weeks, you may have noticed flags throughout the cemetery. These were placed to help locate our sections, alley markers, and old sprinkler heads as we prepared for a major improvement.

The good news is that we now have a brand-new sprinkler system! During the week of August 31–September 5, Hill's Country Greenhouse installed a new sprinkler system throughout Holy Cross Cemetery. The new system utilizes our existing well, is fully automatic, and provides coverage across the entire cemetery.

Our previous sprinkler system was completely manual, requiring sprinkler heads to be continually moved throughout the cemetery. Even then, it only provided coverage for approximately 60% of the cemetery. The system had not been operated since 2016 and had developed several mechanical issues and other concerns.

This significant improvement was made possible through generous donations from a family who has loved ones buried at Holy Cross, along with funds allocated through our capital campaign. This is a tremendous step forward for Holy Cross Cemetery. With our sandy soil, having a dependable irrigation system will make a major difference in us having beautiful, green grass throughout the summer months.

Paving Project

As many of you know, not all of the roads throughout the cemetery are currently paved. We are working to have all of the cemetery roads paved this fall. The project will include a complete overlay of the existing paved roads, as well as new pavement on all of the back roads.

With the installation of our new sprinkler system and the upcoming paving project, I ask that everyone please make an effort to **stay on the designated road surfaces whenever possible**.

Doing so will help protect the new sprinkler system, prevent damage to the grounds, and help us maintain the improvements we have worked hard to make.

Creating a Cremation Section

I am also in the process of working toward converting one of our existing sections from traditional full-size graves to designated cremation graves.

As cremation has become increasingly common, we have recognized that Holy Cross currently does not have a dedicated section specifically for cremation burials. We believe creating this space will better meet the needs of families now and in the future.

More information will be shared as this project develops.

Thank you to everyone who continues to care for, visit, and support Holy Cross Cemetery. The improvements we are making are important investments in the cemetery and, most importantly, in the families and loved ones who call Holy Cross their final resting place.

-Brad Arel, Sexton

September 13, 2026

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

Pastor

Fr. David Blume
frblume1@stphilipsbemidji.org

Parochial Vicar

Fr. Josh Salonek
frsalonek1@stphilipsbemidji.org

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday 9:30AM-5:00PM

Mass Times

First Saturday	8:30AM
Saturday (Pennington)	4:00PM
(Memorial Day to Labor Day)	
Saturday	5:30PM
Sunday	7:30AM, 9:00AM, 11:00AM
Monday	8:30AM
Tuesday	6:30PM
Wednesday	8:30AM
Thursday	8:30AM
Friday	8:30AM

Reconciliation Times

Monday	9:00AM
Tuesday	6:00PM
Friday	9:00AM
Saturday	4:00PM
Sunday	10:30AM

Rosary Times

Monday	8:05AM
Wednesday	9:20AM
Friday	9:35AM
Sunday	8:35AM

Adoration Times

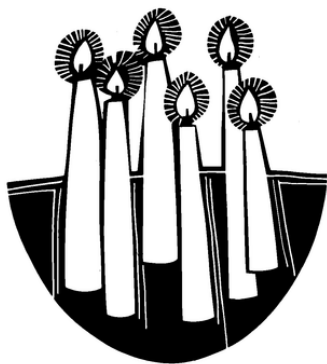
Monday	9:00AM-7:00PM
Tuesday	5:00PM-6:30PM
Friday	9:00AM-10:00AM

School Office Hours

Mon-Fri 7:30AM - 3:45PM
218-444-4938

Clothing Depot

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



Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Week in the Parish

September 14 ~ September 20, 2026

Monday, September 14

8:30 AM Mass +Joe Blume

5:00 PM Blessed Sacrament of Healing (St. Kateri Rm)

5:30 PM Alpha (Social Hall)

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

Tuesday, September 15

6:00 AM School Council (St. Kateri Rm)

11:30 AM Finance Council (St. Kateri Rm)

6:30 PM Mass: +Michael and +Stephanie Gratkowski

6:30 PM Beaver Catholic Night (Social Hall)

Wednesday, September 16

8:30 AM Mass: +Lillian McCormick

9:45 AM Divine Mercy Cenacle (St. Kateri Rm)

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

5:15 PM St. Hildegard's Cantor Community (Church)

Thursday, September 17

8:30 AM Mass: *Special Intentions John Casement*

9:30 AM Cleaning the Church (Church)

10:30 AM Communion Service (Havenwood)

3:00 PM St. Dominic Savio's Children's Choir (Church)

6:00 PM Knights of Columbus Council Meeting (Social Hall)

Friday, September 18

8:30 AM Mass: +David Bang

11:30 AM St. Cecilia Choir (Church)

Saturday, September 19

9:00 AM Knights of Columbus Exemplification (Social Hall)

5:30 PM Mass: +Tom & +Jvonne Gray

Sunday, September 20

7:30 AM Mass: *For the People*

9:00 AM Mass: +David Swistara

11:00 AM Mass: +Eugene Studer

5:00 PM 3rd Order of Carmelites (St. Kateri Rm)

+ Mass Intentions

Mass Attendance

Saturday, September 5 at 5:30PM Mass214 people

Sunday, September 6 at 7:30AM Mass.....221 people

Sunday, September 6 at 9:00AM Mass.....521 people

Sunday, September 6 at 11:00AM Mass.....369 people

Sacramental Life

Baptisms

Parents who wish to have their child baptized, will need to complete the online Baptism Information form, by scanning the QR code. The next class will be October 3rd at 10:30 AM in the St. Kateri Room. Please contact the Parish Office at 218-444-4262 for additional information.



Marriages

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

Anointing of the Sick or Pastoral Visit

To receive the Sacrament of the Sick, please call the Parish Office, 218-444-4262, to set up a time to meet with one of our priests. Indicate you are Catholic upon hospital admittance.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

If you are interested in becoming Catholic, classes will start October 5, 2026. Please contact the Parish Office at 218-444-4262 to register.

The St. Philip's Catholic community welcomes through the waters of baptism, **Grace Rose Mertens**, daughter of Nathan and Haley Mertens.



The Pope's September Intentions

For the Care of Water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

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



Saint Spotlight



Saint Hildegard of Bingen

1098-1179

Feast Day: September 17

Patron Saint of musicians, writers, natural scientists and ecology

- Hildegard was born into a noble family, instructed for 10 years by the holy woman Blessed Jutta and become a Benedictine nun at age 18.
- Hildegard took ten years to write her Scivias (Know the Ways), of her visions since age three.
- She wrote, Book of the Merits of Life, Book of Divine Works, and over 300 letters to those who sought her advice.
- She composed short works on medicine and physiology.
- Her visions caused her to see humans as "living sparks" of God's love.
- St. Hildegard of Bingen is one of four women doctors of the church.

Parish Life

Second Collection This Week

This week we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America! Many in Latin America and the Caribbean lack access to church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture, rugged rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity enables our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the church and grow closer to Christ. To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, visit usccb.org/latin-america.



Pray and Take Action to Protect Women & Babies from Abortion Pills

A Nationwide Invitation to Prayer

The USCCB (U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops) Committee on Pro-Life Activities is inviting Catholics to join a focused effort of prayer and action to stop the spread of abortion pills by invoking the intercession of St. Joseph, Defender of Life. Join in prayer from now until the end of October. The nationwide invitation and prayer to St. Joseph can be found at the following website respectlife.org. In October, the Catholic Church in the U.S. celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October is designated as Respect Life Sunday.

MARRIAGE AND BANNIS

Please join us in praying for all newly married couples and those preparing for the Sacrament of Matrimony:

Simon Dietz & Maddison Carlson
Exchange of Vows on October 9, 2026

George Bjorklund & Kendra Horn
Exchange of Vows on October 16, 2026

Connor Coenen & Karlie Robson
Exchange of Vows on October 17, 2026

Zach Sauer & Tia Sauer
Exchange Vows on October 24, 2026



Church Clean-Up Day

Adult volunteers needed for a church clean-up day on **Thursday, September 17** after the 8:30AM Mass. We will meet in the church. Thank you for your support!



"None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's." Romans 14:7-8

Priest Meals on Tuesdays

If you are interested in making a meal for the priests, please scan the QR code to sign up. The meal can be brought to the Parish Office on Tuesdays during normal business hours (8:30AM-5:00PM). Thank you!



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 Dioceses 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).

Catholic Men Looking to Strengthen Their Faith

Knights of Columbus are based on three principles: Charity, Unity & Fraternity. An Exemplification to become a Knight, 1st -3rd



Degree, will be held Saturday, September 19 at St. Philip's. Registration, 8:30AM & program at 9:00AM. If you are a Third Degree Knight in good standing, there will be a 4th Degree Exemplification on Saturday, September 19 at 10:00AM & registration at 9:00AM. Lunch will be served. To register contact Dale (320-221-3742) or Dan (218-760-6616).

Doctors of the Church Seminar

Sunday nights (Sept. 27-Nov. 22)
7:00PM-9:00PM

St. Philip's, Bemidji, MN

The Venerable Bede, "On the Song of Songs and Selected Writings" as compiled by the Classics of Western Spirituality published by Paulist Press (2011)
ISBN 9780809147007



A FAMILY OF FAITH — REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Faith Formation looks a little different this year! A Family of Faith brings the whole family together to grow in relationship with Jesus, build community with other Catholic families, and receive practical support for living the faith at home. Families will gather approximately twice a month on Wednesdays from 6:00PM–7:30PM, beginning September 23. We'll share a meal together followed by formation and age-level groups for elementary, middle school, high school, and parents. Little ones are welcome too! Registration is now open until Monday, September 21! Scan the QR to sign up your family. Questions? Contact Libby at (218) 441-4944 or lderman@stphilipsbemidji.org.



If you borrowed a St. Philip's communion pyx, please return them to the sacristy. Thank you!

Interested in Joining a Choir?



Contact Tamara at
tmoore1@stphilipsbemidji.org



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September 12, 2026

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Peace be with you.

I am grateful to share some updates regarding our continued collaboration with the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis.

Through the generosity of Archbishop Bernard Hebda and the Archdiocese, Father David Blume has been released for a full pastorate here in the Diocese of Crookston. This is a great gift to our local Church. As a result, Father Blume will remain as pastor of St. Philip's through June 30, 2030.

At the same time, it is expected that Father Josh Salonek will return to the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis in 2027. We are deeply grateful for his priestly service among us. Looking ahead, we remain hopeful that Archbishop Hebda, along with the Companions of Christ, may be able to recommend another priest to serve in a missionary capacity when Father Salonek concludes his time here.

At present, the length of Father Tom Niehaus's assignment in the Diocese of Crookston remains undetermined. We are grateful for his faithful service as Pastor of St. Mary's Mission in Red Lake and Chaplain of Catholic Campus Ministry at Bemidji State University, while living in residence at St. Philip's.

Please join me in giving thanks for the generosity of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis and for the faithful ministry of these priests who serve so well. Let us continue to pray for one another!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Andrew H. Cozzens, S.T.D., D.D.
Bishop of Crookston



Cooks Needed!

FOCUS missionaries are in need of cooks for their Tuesday Beaver Catholic Nights. The students appreciate the home-cooked meals and are eager to gather. Scan the QR code to sign up!



Discover the Catholic Faith:

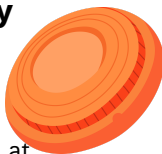
Join OCIA at St. Philip's This Fall

Are you searching for a deeper relationship with God? Have you been attending Mass with your family and felt a nudge to fully participate? Were baptized Catholic but never received Confirmation or First Holy Communion? Whatever your spiritual background, **St. Philip's Catholic Church** warmly invites you to explore the Catholic faith through the **Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)**. OCIA is a supportive journey designed for adults who want to learn more about the teachings and traditions of the Catholic Church. It is a space to ask questions, seek truth, and grow in fellowship with others who are also exploring their faith. Weekly sessions begin on **Monday, October 5** and will run through **April 26**. We will meet each Monday evening from **6:30PM to 8:00PM** in the **St. Elizabeth Room**. There is no pressure and no cost to attend—just an open door and a community ready to walk alongside you. Please contact the Parish Office at (218)444-4262 to sign up for classes.



10th Annual Fall Trap Shoot & Steak Fry

The Knights of Columbus Council #1544 invites all current and perspective new members to join us on Tuesday, September 22 at 5:30PM for our 10th Annual Fall Trap Shoot and Steak Fry. The event is being held at the Northland Regional Shooting Park, located 3 miles north on Hwy 89. A round of trap and a steak dinner cost \$40.00 (steak only \$20.00) RSVPs are needed by Sunday, September 20. Please contact John at (320)293-4515 or bowhunterjohnm@gmail.com to reserve your spot for a great night of fun, food, and fellowship!



Thank you!

St. Philip's Youth Group would like to thank the parish community for their continued support and prayers! Please join us for hospitality after all masses this weekend as we thank YOU for your support!

Community Events

Chicken and Ham Dinner, Bazaar and Bake Sale, September 20 from 11:00AM-2:00PM, Adults \$16.00/Children \$8.00 (6-12)/children under 6 free, Sacred Heart Church, Wilton

Chicken Dinner, Hot Dogs, Mac n' Cheese, Kids Games, Jack-O-Lantern Contest for Kids, Raffles, Bingo, Silent Auction, Farmer's Market & Quilter's Booth. October 4 at 11:00AM, Holy Rosary Church, Detroit Lakes

Dining in the Dark, Thursday, October 15 at 5:30PM, Southshore Hotel, Bemidji, MN, \$65/person. Proceeds support leader dogs for the blind. Tickets available: Luekens and Brouse, Woodke & Hildebrandt Law Office. Sponsored by Bemidji Lions Club.

Youth Group Activities



Scan the QR code to opt-in for communication about youth events for 2026-2027 school year.

Save the Date

November 21

Turkey Bingo

December 6

Christmas Party

January 10

Ski Day



All St. Philip's
6-12 Graders
Encouraged to Attend!

September 27, 2026

10AM-5PM
(9:30AM Check-in)

Sanford Center, Bemidji

- St. Philip's Youth Group is offering a \$30 scholarship towards the registration fee.
- Email youthgroup@stphilipsbemidji.org for the scholarship code to enter at registration.

SCAN HERE FOR INFO

REGISTRATION



OR VISIT

CROOKSTON.ORG/DCYC



Questions? Contact: Brad (218)556-1739, Kirby (721)540-2338, Ashley (218)766-7025, youthgroup@stphilipsbemidji.org

Looking Ahead...

Youth Group Wiffle Ball: September 13
Knights of Columbus Exemplification: September 19
ALPHA: September 14-November 16
KC 10th Annual Fall Trap Shoot & Steak Fry: September 22
Women at the Well: September 24
All Pro Dads: September 26
DCYC: September 27
Rescue Live: October 10
Red Cross Blood Drive: October 15
Women at the Well: October 22
First Reconciliation: January 30
First Holy Communion: April 24/25
Rite of Confirmation: May 2

ALPHA

Mondays

Sept. 14-Nov. 16

6:00-8:00PM

St. Philip's Catholic Church

Dinner ~ Short Video ~ Discussions

This program is designed to introduce people to the basics of the Christian faith and spark a personal encounter with Jesus Christ.



WOMEN AT THE WELL

Thursday, September 24 at St. Philip's

6:15PM

SOCIAL TIME & REFRESHMENTS

7:00PM

SPEAKER-MARSHA MURPHY

"FORGIVENESS"

8:00PM

ADORATION & CONFESSIONS



Next Event: Thursday, October 22

the
RESCUE
project

Saturday, October 10

8:00AM-5:00PM

Alerus Center

Grand Forks, ND



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



Only \$15.00 per seat!

Tickets for Rescue Live not included.



Ministry Schedule

September 19 ~ 20 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Saturday, September 19 5:30 PM	Sunday, September 20 7:30 AM	Sunday, September 20 9:00 AM	Sunday, September 20 11:00 AM
SACRISTAN	Betty Lindy	Jake Hodapp (sub req.)	Joann Gardner	Please Help
LECTOR 1	James Hodges	Luke Alexander	Chloe Derby	Dotty Forrest
LECTOR 2	James Hodges	Marie Alexander	Susan Baird	Cheryl Larson
CAPTAIN	John Marcum	Jake Hodapp (sub req.)	Please Help	Please Help
EMHC	Glenn Aagard Mary Dufault Cathy Lalli Kelly Marcum Cindy Marshall	Luke Alexander Monica Barrette Patti Van Camp Please Help	Jeff Cwikla Alex Froelich George Gardner Thomas Kern Rachel Washburn	Darryle Carlson Dotty Forrest Jan Johnson Karen Williams Please Help
ALTAR SERVER	Simon Breczinski Sophia Breczinski Phil J Hodapp (sub req.)	Peter Feldt Lucy Hodapp Peter Hodapp	Dominick Washburn Andrew Washburn Kylie Washburn	Paxton Fratzke Lennix Fratzke Walter Lundin
USHER	Mary Jo Christenson Mary Dufault Dave Hiscock Dominic St. Germain	Please Help Please Help Please Help Please Help	Rick Coe George Gardner Thomas Kern Tony Nistler	Ayden Homer Frank Homer Dale Johnson Please Help
GREETER	Jean Louvar Marsha Stebe	Kerri Hartman Amy Sanden	Mary Scofield Todd Scofield	Ayden Homer Frank Homer
HOSPITALITY		Ann Mork Coleen Wiltse	Mickie Coe Rick Coe Ann Nistler Tony Nistler	Pearl Cervenka Elise Jaschke Gavin Jaschke Karen Williams

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