

# ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH

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## FROM THE PASTOR

Merry Christmas! This is my first Christmas with you here at St. Philip's. It has been an honor to serve you with Fr. Craig these past six months. Welcome to our guests and visitors, those who make our Christmas celebrations in our parish and home so special. I also want to express my hope that those who live in the Bemidji area who have not felt welcomed by St. Philip's will give us another chance. You may have been offended or misunderstood by a staff person (including a priest), another parishioner or by a particular teaching of the Catholic Church; I humbly ask you to allow us to try and work it out with you so you can join us again at the altar. The human side of the Church is as frail as the people who make it up. If a teaching of the Church is keeping you away, be sure you fully understand the teaching and not rely on CNN or rumor to inform you on the Catholic faith. The longer I am a priest, the more I am concerned that the truth of what we believe is muffled by sources which do not understand.

Fr. Craig and I would also like to thank all who have shared cards, gifts and greetings with us as Christmas approached. Thank you!

May our celebration of the Birth of Jesus Christ fill our homes with HIS hope, HIS forgiveness and peace, and HIS joy. May we, together, wherever we live, build the Body of Christ among us and change the world!

### Mass Times

Sunday Mass  
Saturday: 5:30 PM  
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 AM

### Weekday Masses

Monday, Thursday, Friday &  
Saturday: 8:30 AM  
Tuesday: 12:10 PM  
Wednesday: 8:40 AM  
(at 8:30 AM June, July & August)

### Friday Care Center Masses

10:30 AM  
Havenwood: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays  
Neilson Place: 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday  
Goldpine: 4<sup>th</sup> Friday  
Baker Park: 5<sup>th</sup> Friday

### Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:00 PM  
Sunday Mornings: before all Masses

### Adoration

Monday: 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM  
Tuesday: 6:00 AM to 12:00 PM

### Rosary for Peace

Sunday: 10:15 AM

### Marion Devotions

Tuesday: 7:30 PM & Saturday: 8:10 AM

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Summer only

**Holy Spirit Newman Center**

BSU/NWTC

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Tues, Wed, Thurs 9:30 AM-3:00 PM

1st & 3rd Sat. 10:00 AM-2:00 PM

**Manager:**

Norma Himmelright

## Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

December 25, 2011

Today is born the Savior,  
Christ the Lord!

### THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

**Monday, December 26:**

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

**8:30 A.M. Mass:**+Art Lidinsky

*by His Family*

**9:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M.** Adoration/Chapel

**Tuesday, December 27:**

**6:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M.** Adoration/Chapel

**12:10 P.M. Mass:**+Agnes Baden

*by Her Family*

**7:30 P.M.** Marian Devotions/Chapel

**Wednesday, December 28:**

**8:40 A.M. Mass:** +Marilyn Hensrud *by*

*Don & Bev Kraft*

**Thursday, December 29:**

**8:30 A.M. Mass** +Peggy Fulton

*by William Fulton*

**7:00 P.M.** Prayer Group/Chapel

**Friday, December 30:**

**8:30 A.M. Mass:** +Ed Richter

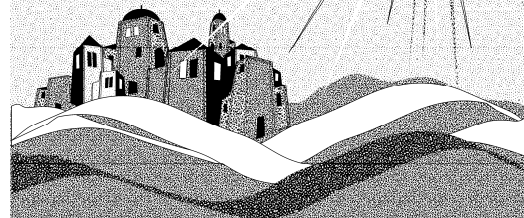
*by Richard Anderson*

**10:30 A.M. Mass (Goldpine):**

+Marg Harbaugh

*by Hank & Angel Krigbaum*

The people who  
walked in darkness  
have seen a  
great light.  
Today in the city  
of Bethlehem  
is born our savior  
CHRIST the LORD



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**Saturday, December 31:**

**8:30 A.M. Mass:**+Marilyn Hensrud

*by the Funeral Committee*

**4:30 P.M. Reconciliation/Chapel**

**5:30 P.M. Mass:** +Angela Conway

*by Duane & Lois Jenkins*

**6:30 A.M. to 12:00 A.M.** Adoration/

Chapel

**Sunday, January 1:**

**Reconciliation is available between all**

**Masses in the Chapel**

**7:30 A.M. Mass:** +Henry Vanasek *and*

*special intentions for Anna Vonasek by*

*Ralph & Ellen Vanasek*

**9:00 A.M. Mass:** For the People

**11:00 A.M. Mass:** +Art Lidinsky

*by Jane & Joe Welle*

*For unto us  
a child is born  
unto us a son is given*

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### BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 26 ~ JANUARY 1

**Monday, December 26:**

*Acts 6:8-1; 7:54-59*

• *Ps 31:3cd-4,6,8ab,16bc-17*

• *Mt 10:17-22*

**Tuesday, December 27:**

*1 Jn 1:1-4 • Ps 97:1-2,5-6,11-12*

• *Jn 20:1a,2-8*

**Wednesday, December 28:**

*1 Jn 1:5-2:2 • Ps 124:2-5,7b-8*

• *Mt 2:13-18*

**Thursday, December 29:**

*1 Jn 2:3-11 • Ps 96:1-3,5b-6,*

*• Lk 2:22-35*

**Friday, December 30:**

*Sir 3:2-7,12-14 • Ps 128:1-5*

• *Lk 2:22-40*

**Saturday, December 31:**

*1 Jn 2:18-21 • Ps 96:1-2,11-13*

• *Jn 1:1-18*

**Sunday, January 1:**

*Nm 6:22-27 • Ps 67:2-3,5-6,8*

• *Gal 4:4-7 • Lk 2:16-21*

## Stewardship of Financial Resources:

Fiscal Year July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012

**Week #25 contributions**  
(received the weekend of 12/18/11)

Envelopes	\$	15,564.50
Eft	\$	3,394.83
Loose Plate	\$	680.64
Children's	\$	60.84
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>19,700.81</b>

**Fiscal Year to Date (Week #25):**

<u>Amount Contributed</u>		
Envelopes	\$	382,581.48
Loose Plate	\$	22,743.95
Children's	\$	1,159.23
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>406,484.66</b>

(99.76% of budget)

*Stewardship: A Habit of the Heart.*

### LIFE CORNER

"A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and the lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer."

Pope John Paul II, The Gospel of Life  
(Evangelium Vitae), n.100.



December 21	Mrs. Swedmark's Class	#887	\$25
December 25	Jill Norgaard	#18	\$50

Winners will receive their checks in the mail.  
For more information and a list of to-date winners check St. Philip's website at:  
[www.stphilipsbemidji.org](http://www.stphilipsbemidji.org)

## 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 in January. Please call the parish office at 444-4262 to register or for more information.

### New Men's Bible Study:

Over the past year about 200 St. Philip's parishioners have taken part in the Great Adventure Bible Study, The Bible Timeline. I have heard many positive comments from them about this Bible study. However, a large percentage of the participants have been women. So, men of faith, I want to challenge you to become active in learning more about the Bible. Beginning in January we will start a new Great Adventure Bible Timeline men's Bible study. Please call Kermit at the parish office (444-4262) for more information. We are looking at Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 7:30 PM.



St. Philip's extends condolences to the families of **Ron Tryon** and **Lillian McCormick**. May they find rest and peace with our Lord, Jesus Christ and may their families find comfort in God's love.

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### Newman Center

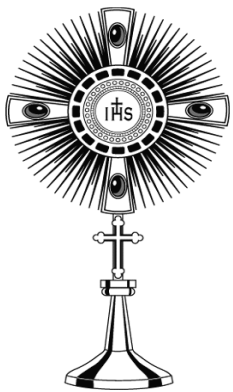
The Holy Spirit Newman Center will be closed Monday, December 12, 2011 through January 9, 2012 because the BSU students are on Christmas break. Regular Mass schedules will resume Tuesday, January 10, 2012.



## *Mary, Mother of God*

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
will take place following Mass  
until midnight on  
Saturday, December 31  
**Please sign up on the sheet out-  
side of the Chapel**

### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on New Year's Eve**



January 1st is the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, and is being observed with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Adoration will begin after the 5:30 **PM** Mass and will conclude at midnight. Please call Stephanie Glen, (444-4536) to sign up for specific adoration times, sign up on the sign-up sheet after Mass on December

17<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup>, or simply come and spend time with the Lord after Mass on December 31<sup>st</sup>.

**How wonderful to be in the presence of  
Christ as the New Year rings in!**

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The next **Pro-Life Coalition** meeting will be

January 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Mount Zion Church

414 4th St. SE

All are welcome!

If any questions call 444-9686

**CALENDARS** As this issue of the bulletin goes to print, we have still not received our calendars for 2012. We are patiently waiting.



**“A person’s a person  
no matter how  
SMALL!”**

**Discover how each of us is called  
to protect all human life.**

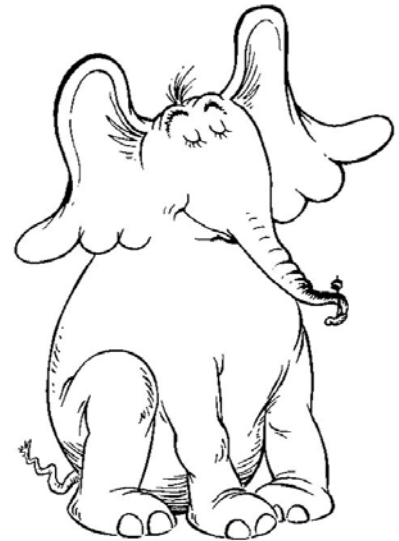
**Saturday, January 28th**

5:30—Youth Mass

6:30-8:30— Supper and  
“No Matter How Small”

Event in Social Hall

*Attending Event counts towards  
Confirmation requirements*



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## CLASS NOTES

### *Happenings at St. Philip's School*

- ✦ Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all of us at St. Philip's School!
- ✦ We will see the students back on Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>. There will be no all school Mass that day. We will meet as a school for Mass on Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>.
- ✦ Please join us for the final round of the Geography Bee after the break on Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 P.M. Sixty-seven 4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> graders qualified for the second round through a written test. Last Friday, competitors were reduced to thirteen

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#### NOTE TO PENNINGTON PARISHIONERS:

The stewardship envelopes are not yet here for members of St. Charles in Pennington. It will be announced at Mass when they arrive.

#### BOY SCOUT LEADER

A group of Scout's which has met at St. Philip's for many years is in need of a leader. For more information contact the office.

# RELIGIOUS FORMATION

444-5849

Helping Our Children and Youth Grow in Their Catholic Faith

*The coming of Jesus at Bethlehem brought joy  
to the world*

*and to every human heart.  
May His coming this Christmas  
bring to each one of us that  
peace and joy that He desires to give.*

*Mother Teresa*



December 28 ~ No Religious Formation Classes  
January 1 ~ No Preschool Sunday School Classes



First  
Eucharist

## FIRST EUCHARIST PARENT SESSION

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 6:30 P.M. OR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 5:30 P.M.**

Two opportunities to attend the First Eucharist Parent Session will be offered: January 25 at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday, February 9 at 5:30 p.m. Both sessions will meet at St. Philip's Social Hall, parents/guardians only need to attend one session. These two sessions will be the only sessions offered this year, so mark your calendars now! The session is for parents/guardians who will be preparing their child to receive the Sacrament of First Eucharist this year. This is a parent only Session, one parent must attend (both are welcome). Children preparing to receive the Sacrament should be in second grade or older and attending Religious Formation or St. Philip's School. An overview of the Sacrament, the preparation program and the time line will be discussed. **Parents/guardians are responsible for the preparation of their child to receive the Sacrament.** Packets will be handed out and there will be an opportunity for questions and discussion. Please contact Kris Jensen for additional information.

## ST. PHILIP'S CLOTHING DEPOT NEWS

**The Clothing Depot will be closed from December 23—January 3, 2012**

***Have a Blessed Christmas***

**Hours: 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM**

**Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday**

**10:00-2:00 first & third Saturday**

### NEW HOURS

From October 15<sup>th</sup> until April 15<sup>th</sup>, the Clothing Depot will be open on the first and third Saturday of the month from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. . This is to allow those in the community that can not shop with us during the week, an opportunity to take advantage of our great prices and unique community based shopping on the weekend.

Old man Winter is here and with the cold temperatures and snow is a need for warmer clothing. The Clothing Depot can keep you warm and be easy on your budget as well. Of course Christmas is just around the corner and we are sure to have just the right item, on our shelves, for you.

Thank you for all of your donations and patronage throughout the year. Proceeds from St. Philips Clothing Depot go directly into the community and support a wide range of worthy organizations.

We are always happy to meet new people and of course, happy to have new volunteers at the Clothing Depot. You can volunteer to fit your schedule. There is no minimum (or maximum) time requirement. If you would like to join our team, please come in and see Norma at the Clothing Depot during business hours to be placed on a schedule that works for you. Volunteering is fun and rewarding!

# Entering into and Celebrating the Christmas Season



"Next to the celebration of the Paschal Mystery, the Church holds most sacred the memorial of Christ's birth and early manifestations. This is the purpose of the Christmas season." (General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar, 32.) So often Christmas day seems to come and go very quickly. The spirit of the Christmas season can easily be lost in the process of cleaning up, finishing left-overs, traveling, or returning gifts.

Christmas is not a single day; it's a season. One of the great gifts the Catholic Church gives us is this two-week period in which to enter more deeply into the mystery of the One who came to become one of us - to save us from our sins. There is a religious value to these days after Christmas which we can give ourselves to with simply a little focus. The season begins Christmas eve and ends on the Baptism of the Lord, including the Epiphany of the Lord as well.<sup>1</sup>

Special Feasts occur throughout the season. They touch upon the reality that nothing in our lives is unaffected by the Incarnation (us, our family, our community, the world at large). These celebrations help us to experience the scope of this great mystery, and they call us into deeper and deeper conversion to what they reveal – the mysteries of the union of heaven and earth in Christ.

**The Feast of the Holy Family** (December 30) celebrates the unity and love so evident in the family of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus. It gives us a chance to celebrate another aspect of the Incarnation of Christ: his sharing in the life of a human family. It fosters devotion to the Holy Family as a model for all family life. We pray that our families will be united in peace and in love.

**Mary, the Mother of God** (December 31/January 1) is a holy day of obligation in which we revel in the coming of the Word, made flesh in the Virgin's womb. The church has always venerated Mary as the Mother of God. It is most fitting that this particular liturgy is celebrated on the octave day of Christmas.

**Epiphany** (January 7/8) acknowledges and celebrates that the child born in a lowly manger in the darkness of night is revealed as the *manifestation* of God (the literal meaning of *Epiphany*). This manifestation of Christ to the nations, the showing forth of the glory of God, is a past event, a present reality, and an object of hope.

**The Baptism of the Lord** (January 9) is yet another powerful revelation (manifestation or epiphany) of Christ's identity: God's beloved Son, on whom his favor rests. Today officially ends the Christmas season.

This year, let's try to really celebrate Christmas and the days that follow. Let's enter a new season, which has its own spirit and desires and graces.<sup>2</sup>

## Sources:

<sup>1</sup> "Taken from *Praying Advent*, on Creighton University's *Online Ministries* web site: <http://www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html>. Used with permission."

<sup>2</sup> Sourcebook for Sundays, Seasons, and Weekdays 2008-2010.



## STEUBENVILLE NORTH YOUTH CONFERENCE 2012

St. Philip's will have 21 youth attending Steubenville North in July 2012. If you would like to sponsor a youth to attend or donate to help defray costs, please contact Paula DeClusin or Fr. Don at 444-4262.



The eighth day. But for us a new day has dawned: the day of Christ's Resurrection. The seventh day completes the first creation. The eighth day begins the new creation. Thus, the work of creation culminates in the greater work of redemption. The first creation finds its meaning and its summit in the new creation in Christ, the splendor of which surpasses that of the first creation.

-Catechism of the Catholic Church 349

If you have a youth in grades 8-12 who would be interested in attending Steubenville, please contact Paula at 444-4262 for more information.

### New Year Resolution

Spending one hour a week in the presence of Christ in the Eucharist will make a positive difference in your life this year.

This opportunity is available to you in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament held every Monday from 9 am – 9 pm and Tuesday from 6 am – 9 pm in the chapel at St. Philips.

While you can visit Christ anytime, we are in need of permanent adorers. These are people who commit to spending an hour the same day and time each week with Christ.

The times in need are:

Monday:	Tuesday:
2:30 – 3:30 pm	10:30 – 11:30 am
4:00 – 5:00 pm	5:30 – 6:30 pm
	7:30 – 8:30 pm
	8:00 – 9:00 pm



For information on what Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is, contact Fr. Craig Vasek at 444-4262. To sign up for an hour, contact Stephanie at 444-4536.

## Mary, Mother of God ~ December 31 - January 1

	Dec 31, 5:30 PM	Jan 1, 7:30 AM	Jan 1, 9:00 AM	Jan 1, 11:00 AM
<b>Sacristan</b>	Connie Aagard	Al & Jane Foley	HELP	Doris Swedmark
<b>Usher</b>	Glenn Aagard Robert Cole Andy Mack Patt Rall	Bob Murray HELP HELP HELP	HELP HELP HELP HELP	Barbara Fitzgerald Al Swedmark HELP HELP
<b>Greeter</b>	Lois Jenkins Barbara Passeri Mary Richards	Rosemary Petersen Marian Qvern HELP	Al Bennington HELP HELP	HELP HELP
<b>Altar Server</b>	Genevieve Richards Colin Richards Will Schwindt	Hannah Leisenheimer Hayley Leisenheimer HELP	Zachary Froelich Alexander Froelich Eda-Mae Johnson	Lauren Weaver Ethan Youso Timothy Youso
<b>Lector</b>	Rose Fagerstrom Ernie Rall	Pam Murray Judy Stai	Nancy Goodman Sharon Zarrett	Dotty Forrest Patty Nagle
<b>Intercessor</b>	Flavia Sagedahl	Judy Stai	Sharon Zarrett	Karen Merschman
<b>Captain</b>	Jim LeClaire	HELP	Sue Lucas	Stephen Steele
<b>EMOHC</b>	Connie Aagard Betty Lindy Flavia Sagedahl Laura Schwindt Patti Van Camp Marleen Webb HELP	Al Foley Jane Foley Fran Petersen Darlene Stepaniak HELP HELP HELP	Nancy Goodman Tim Lucas Dan Shea Mary Varriano HELP HELP HELP HELP HELP	Dotty Forrest Karen Merschman Theresa Steele Doris Swedmark HELP HELP HELP HELP
<b>Hospitality</b>		<i>No coffee and rolls after Mass today.</i>		

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

**If you are a snowbird** and you take part in a weekend ministry, please be sure to let us know when you will be leaving and when you will be returning.

*\*\*\*Also, we are trying to utilize our capability to email the monthly ministry schedule to you in lieu of mailing. I have most of your emails, but not all, so if you know that we do not have an email address for you yet, please call Tammy with that information, 444-4262. Thank you!*

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