

ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH

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FROM THE PASTOR

Last weekend's bulletin included information on a series of classes being offered here at St. Philip's starting next Saturday, January 7th and running each Saturday of January through the 28th. The class is called "Hot Button Topics in the Catholic Church" and is taught by Brian Pizzalato, well known for his work in explaining Catholic teachings on many subjects.

The topics to be covered by Brian include: Catholic understanding of divorce/remarriage; faith and works; confession; why do we need a Pope?; contraception; Mary; purgatory; Priesthood and the Eucharist. If you have ever wondered why the Church says what it says about these topics and others, this class is for you.

I am often sadly surprised by the number of Catholics who reject a particular teaching of the Church without actually knowing what the teaching of the Church is! There are also some who feel the Church will "grow" into a new understanding on particular subjects...that may be possible on some things as we grow in our understanding of human nature, but there are some things that are clear in the Bible and in Church teaching which can't change! This class will help explain the "how?" and "why?" of Church teachings in a clear way.

The class goes from 1-4pm, meets here at St. Philip's and the cost is \$60. Because it is sponsored by the Diocese of Crookston, please contact Deacon Dan Hannig to register at 218-281-1835 or email him at dhannig@crookston.org

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: 1st & 3rd Fridays
Neilson Place: 2nd Friday
Goldpine: 4th Friday
Baker Park: 5th 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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Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, The Mother of God

January 1, 2012

May God bless us in his mercy!

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday, January 2:

8:30 A.M. Mass:+Marilyn Hensrud
by Don Carriere

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

Tuesday, January 3 :

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

12:10 P.M. Mass:+Charles Schmitt
by Donna & Family

6:30 PM Parish Involvement Committee /
Kateri

7:30 P.M. Marian Devotions/Chapel

Wednesday, January 4:

8:40 A.M. Mass: +William Larson

Thursday, January 5:

8:30 A.M. Mass +Marilyn Hensrud
by Mary Westrum & Family

7:00 P.M. Prayer Group/Chapel

Friday, January 6:

8:30 A.M. Mass: +WinCarriere
by Don Carriere

10:30 A.M. Mass (Havenwood):
+Agnes Baden by her Family

The shepherds went
in haste to
Bethlehem and
found Mary
and Joseph
and the infant.

When they saw this
they made
known the message
that had been told to
them about this child.

And Mary
kept all these things,
reflecting on
them in her heart.



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Saturday, January 7:

8:30 A.M. Mass:+Ed Richter
by Richard Anderson

4:30 P.M. Reconciliation/Chapel

5:30 P.M. Mass: +Agnes Baden
by Don & Bev Kraft

Sunday, January 8:

**Reconciliation is available between all
Masses in the Chapel**

7:30 A.M. Mass: +Art Lidinsky
by Judy Tobin

9:00 A.M. Mass: +Christina Neft
by Her Family

11:00 A.M. Mass: +Stephanie Vencel
Leikvoll by Mary Westrum & Family

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.

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 2 ~ JANUARY 8

Monday, January 2:

1 Jn 2:22-28 • Ps 98:1-4
• Jn 1:19-28

Tuesday, January 3:

1 Jn 2:29-3:6 • Ps 98:1-3,6
• Jn 1:29-34

Wednesday, January 4:

1 Jn 3:7-10 • Ps 98:1,7-9
• Jn 1:35-42

Thursday, January 5:

1 Jn 3:11-21 • Ps 100:1-5
• Jn 1:43-51

Friday, January 6:

1 Jn 5:5-13 • Ps 147:12-15,19-20
• Mk 1:7-11

Saturday, January 7:

1 Jn 5:14-21 • Ps 149:1-6a,9b
• Jn 2:1-11

Sunday, January 8:

Is 60:1-6 • Ps 72:2,7-8,10-13
• Ep 3:2-3a,5-6 • Mt 2:1-12

Stewardship of Financial Resources:

Fiscal Year July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012

Week #26 contributions
(received the weekend of 12/25/11)

Envelopes	\$	25,374.00
Loose Plate	\$	2,616.68
Children's	\$	98.24
Total	\$	28,088.92

Fiscal Year to Date (Week #26):

<u>Amount Contributed</u>		
Envelopes	\$	407,955.48
Loose Plate	\$	25,360.63
Children's	\$	1257.47
Total	\$	434,573.58
(98.76% of budget)		

Stewardship: A Habit of the Heart.

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

January 9th at 6:00 p.m.
Mount Zion Church
414 4th St. SE
All are welcome!

If any questions call 444-9686



December 28	Barb Nelson	#454	\$25
January 1	Stephanie Marsh	#525	\$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

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 Howard Hoody and family on the death of Howard's father, Howard J. Hoody of Omaha, Nebraska on December 19th. May he find rest and peace with our Lord, Jesus Christ and may his family find comfort in God's love.

St. Philip's Catholic Community welcomes through the waters of baptism **Jace Alan Yerbich**, son of Gary & Shannon Yerbich. May he be filled with the Holy Spirit!!



LIFE CORNER

"The greatest destroyer of peace today is abortion, because it is war against the child."

— Blessed Mother Teresa

High School Life Event

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

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

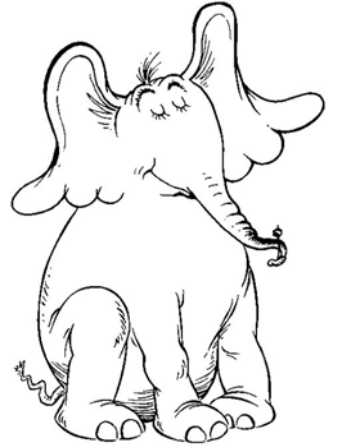
Saturday, January 28th

5:30—Youth Mass

6:30-8:30— Supper and

“No Matter How Small” Event
in Social Hall

*Attending Event counts towards
Confirmation requirements*



STEUBENVILLE NORTH YOUTH CONFERENCE 2012

St. Philip’s will have 21 youth at-
tending 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 crea-
tion.

-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.

ST. PHILIP'S CLOTHING DEPOT NEWS

Hours: 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM
Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday
10:00-2:00 first & third Saturday

(Please note that donations are accepted during business hours only.)

If you need some extra winter gear to enjoy our winter wonderland visit the Clothing Depot. You might find a cute mug for that hot coco or that long underwear you'll need for sliding when the snow (eventually) gets here.

NEW HOURS

Starting October 15th until April 15th, 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, the opportunity to take advantage of our great prices and unique community based shopping on the weekend.

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 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!

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

444-5849

Helping Our Children and Youth Grow in Their Catholic Faith

The Lord bless you and keep you!

The Lord let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you!

The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!

Numbers 6:24-27

January 4 ~ Religious Formation Classes

6:30 – 7:45 p.m. Elementary RF

6:30 – 8:00 p.m. the EDGE and High School RF

January 8 ~ No Preschool Sunday School Classes

Happy New Year 🎉 *Happy New Year* 🎉 *Happy New Year* 🎉



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.



Epiphany is the celebration of the manifestation of Christ to the nations. This year Epiphany falls on January 8.

The story of the Magi coming from the East is only reported in the Gospel of Matthew. Matthew's account of the Gospel says nothing of the Magi's home country, their status, their number, or their names. So where did the traditions and folklore originate?

The number of Magi has prevailed because of the three gifts mentioned in the Gospel. The names of Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar persist because they appeared in a ninth-century Italian manuscript.

Epiphany is also the traditional day for blessing homes by marking the lintels of doorways with chalk. The markings commemorate the three Magi. The markings for this year are **20+C+M+B+12**

The letters represent the initials of the three Magi written between the current year separated by crosses. The initials also represent the Latin abbreviation for "*Christus mansionem benedicat*," which means "Christ blesses this house". The markings serve to remind all who enter and leave through the main door that they also must be ready to leave all, if necessary, and follow Christ. One way people can bless their homes is as follows.

+Epiphany Blessing Of A Home+

All: Make the Sign of the Cross.

Leader: The Word became flesh and made his dwelling place among us. It is Christ who enlightens our hearts and homes with his love. May all who enter this home find Christ's light and love.

Using chalk, write on the outside of your house, above or next to an entrance:

20+C+M+B+12

Leader: Lord God of heaven and earth,
you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star.
Bless this house and all who inhabit it.
Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for
reflect your love.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

others may

All: Amen.

All: Make the Sign of the and say:

May Christ Jesus dwell with us,
keep us from all harm,
and make us one in mind and heart,
now and forever.
Amen.



Sources: The Almanac for Pastoral Liturgy Sourcebook - Liturgy Training Publications
<http://www.ecatholic2000.com/pray/prayer41.shtml>
<http://www.usccb.org/advent/prayers.shtml#epiphany>

CAMPUS MINISTRY – SPRING SEMESTER

Anywhere from 1/3 to 2/3 of students stop going to church when they go to college!!! Have you heard that stat before? Does it startle you? Does it cause pain in your mind and heart?

One of the **missions** of the Catholic Community of Saint Philip is to serve the students at Bemidji State University. While many of the students make use of the parish itself (RCIA, Mass, adoration, confession), the main avenue for this ministry is through Holy Spirit Newman Center.

Barry Cervenka continues to be the coordinator at the Newman Center itself. His ministry is to coordinate the religious, social and recreational programs for the students passing through the Newman Center, as well as looking after the physical plant and coordinating the student Peer Ministers.

There are close to **5,000 students** enrolled at Bemidji State University. That means that the university has more students than we have parishioners! Granted, these students aren't all Catholic, but many of them are away from home, family, friends, churches and familiar relationships. The Church of Saint Philip is a great resource to these students, either via the parish or the Newman Center.

WE CAN DO MORE FOR THE STUDENTS!!!

HOW???

BEGINNING JAN, 2012:

Sunday evening meals.

The Sunday evening meal will be:

- * each Sunday night, following the 7PM Mass.
- * **low-cost** to the students (only 1 dollar per student!!!).
- * cooked by willing parishioners of Saint Philip. (we already have a number signed up to help.)
- * an opportunity for the students to be at ease in a faith-filled atmosphere.
- * an opportunity for the priests and Barry to get to know the students in a deeper way.
- * an opportunity for parishioners to serve the students of BSU.

PROPOSED FOR FALL, 2012:

Newman Host Homes.

The host home would be:

- * a concrete Catholic contact for the student.
- * a way for parishioners to reach out to Catholics at BSU.
- * an opportunity for the student to attend Mass with a local family on occasion.
- * a place for the student to be "at home" away from home.
- * a valuable way to assist in the **student's growth** as a committed disciple.

WOULD YOU PRAY ABOUT:

→HELPING WITH THE SUNDAY EVENING MEALS THIS SEMESTER?

→BECOMING A HOST HOME FOR THE FALL SEMESTER?

Contact the parish office or the Newman Center to find out how you can help serve the students of BSU. College isn't just about the classes, it's about LIFE!!!

THE PARISH AS A SCHOOL OF PRAYER

1) LENT – 2) HIGH SCHOOL PRAISE – 3) CHILDREN'S ADORATION

"Yes... our Christian communities must become *genuine "schools" of prayer*, where the meeting with Christ is expressed not just in imploring help but also in thanksgiving, praise, adoration, contemplation, listening and ardent devotion, until the heart truly "falls in love"."

- Blessed Pope John Paul II

LENTEN DISCIPLINE:

Lent begins on the 22nd of February. Many people find the Lenten discipline very difficult, because they don't really know what to "do" during Lent. Many times, even if they find it too "light" of a penance, the person ends up doing the same thing as last year, which was the same thing they did the year before that, which was the same thing they did when they were 10 years old.

This year, the ministry staff of the parish has come up with a fantastic way for the entire parish to enter into the Lenten discipline together, pulling ideas from the pastoral letter of Bishop Hoepfner. Would you pray about joining the parish in this way during the Lenten journey this year?

Basically, the ministry staff has drawn a number of spiritual exercises from the pastoral letter of Bishop and will propose them to each member of the parish, to choose which of the exercises the individual would take on during the Lenten journey. Some of the ideas will include: daily recitation of the rosary, attending parish "holy hour" once a week, concrete 10 minute daily prayer with family, signing up to be a guardian of the Blessed Sacrament in adoration, coming to the parish for evening prayer on a regular basis.

This plan will assist the parishioners to come together in prayer outside of Mass on a regular basis, forming a true "school of prayer" in the parish. The idea is that these disciplines would begin in Lent and become habit during Lent, and would not end with Lent, but would become regular parts of the day.

PRAYER, FASTING, and ALMSGIVING: Besides this PRAYER opportunity sponsored by the ministry staff, each parishioner could also take on the other two disciplines of the Church during Lent at their own discretion, those of FASTING and ALMSGIVING.

More information will be coming in the following weeks, with a presentation of the prayer opportunities and the concrete way this "school of prayer" can become a vital source of strength for the entire parish

HIGH SCHOOL PRAISE AND WORSHIP:

Beginning in January, all high school students are encouraged to attend praise and worship in the adoration chapel. Come when you can, for as long as you can. The dates will be on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month, from 6:30 – 7:30PM. The music will be taken from popular praise and worship bands around the country, in an acoustic setting (guitar, drum, keyboard...). This is a great way to pray with other high school students in a casual atmosphere. You will love it. Many students have experienced praise and worship from camps, retreats, RF in the parish, cds, other events. Look in next week's bulletin for more information.

CHILDREN'S ADORATION:

A children's adoration program is getting started in the parish, beginning as soon as January. Children's adoration is an opportunity for parents to bring their little ones to learn more about the true presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. The program will be every other Monday, the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month, for a short time period of 30 – 45 minutes, beginning at 6:30PM. The program will be in the Blessed Sacrament chapel, for children of all ages but with a target of 5 - 10 year-olds. The children would be up near the front of the chapel, led in prayer, song, and short meditations. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend with their children, remaining toward the back of the chapel.

Look for more information in the next bulletin.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

January 7 ~ January 8

	Jan 7, 5:30 PM	Jan 8, 7:30 AM	Jan 8, 9:00 AM	Jan 8, 11:00 AM
Sacristan	Jodi Maki	Al & Jane Foley	Jim & Carolyn Gorham	Patt Rall
Usher	Glenn Aagard Dave Hiscock Rich Marsolek Mark Moris	Gary Bruns Matt Dockendorf Harold Koonce Matt Murray	Del Hager Larry Mack Glenn McLean Norm Ricard	Jim Clarke Mike Doty Hank Imsande Randy Nyberg
Greeter	Frances Liebl Moe Webb	Dianne Dockendorf Wes Seitz	Shannon Schmitt John Schmitt	Wanda Doty Rosemary Pulczynski
Altar Server	Marae Locke Madison Maki HELP	Gabriele Lash Nicholas Schulke HELP	Julia Klisch Nate Schmitt Leah Yavarow	Sam Boyer Isaac Londo Georgia Nyberg
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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**.

Attention Hospitality helpers... A reminder to please check in with the sacristan when it's your week to do coffee. This way substitutes can be found if necessary. Thank you!

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-Psalm 23:1

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