

Dear fellow parishioners,

Our Fall Festival and Dinner is just three weeks away. The Fall Festival committee has been busy coordinating and planning this summer to make this event even better than last year. So mark your calendars for **Sunday, September 28th** to join in the fun, the food, and friends from 10:00 AM-3:00 PM at this great event. All proceeds from the Fall Festival go to support our parish.

This year we are planning many of the same activities with some changes here and there. We will be serving a roast pork dinner with all the fixings including homemade apple pie. We will need to increase the price of the meal due to the increase of food prices. Adult meals will be \$8.50, child meals (5 to 12 years of age) will be \$5.50 and children 4 and under are free.

We are collecting donations for all the areas. Donations can be dropped off at the parish office during the week or in the collection tub outside of church on weekends. We will need tables again this year. The long folding tables work the best. Please let us know if you have table we can use.

The Fall Festival is a great way to get involved and get to know what makes St. Philip's so special---it's people! Volunteer sign-up sheets are now in the narthex! Please sign-up. We need everyone's help.

Raffle tickets are on sale in the parish office and will be available after weekend Masses in the upcoming weeks. Next weekend also watch for silent auction bids sheets. We will have bids sheets out on a selection of auction items for you to start bidding on. There are some great items and packages this year!

I hope you can take part in the Fall Festival in some way, shape or form. It's our parish family's big get-together! If you have any questions please feel free to contact Paula DeClusin, chairmen, or Jodi Maki, Director of Development at (218) 444-4262.

In Christ,
Jodi Maki, Director of Development

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Saturday at 4:00 PM

**Holy Spirit Newman Center
BSU / NWTC**

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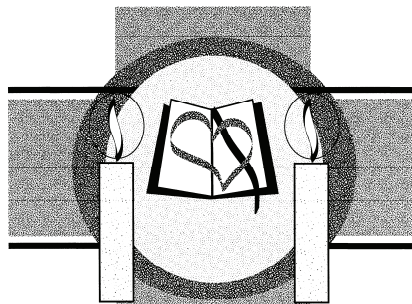
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Tues, Wed, Thurs 9:30AM-3:00PM

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Whatever other commandments there may be,
all are summed up in this, "You shall love your
neighbor as yourself." Love does no evil to anyone;
therefore, love is the fulfillment of the law.

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Twenty-third Sunday In Ordinary Time September 7, 2008

Lord, you are just
and your judgements are right!

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday, September 8:

8:30 AM Mass +Ginny & Les Lunsten by
Art & Ellen Lidinsky

Tuesday, September 9:

12:10 PM Mass +George Upton
by Patricia Upton

5:30 PM Liturgy Committee/T More

6:30 PM School Council/Kateri

6:30 PM Kids Carnival Meeting/Youth
Ministry Office

7:30 PM Marian Devotions/Chapel

9:00 PM Mass (Newman Center) +Edith
O'Connell by Wayne & Carolyn
Dondelinger

Wednesday, September 10:

7:00 AM Finance Council/Kateri

8:40 AM School Mass

+Jeanette Porter by Al & Doris Swedmark

6:00 PM Religious Formation Parent
Information Meeting & Registration

Thursday, September 11:

8:30 AM Mass +Tony Todavich, Sr.
by His Family

5:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament/Chapel

7:00 PM Fall Festival Meeting/Kateri

Friday, September 12:

8:30 AM Mass +Edith Lyons
by Charlie Lyons

9:00 AM Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament/Chapel

Friday, Cont.

10:30 AM Mass (Neilson Place)
+Barbara Welle by MLW

Saturday, September 13:

8:30 AM Mass +Emelia Gonshorowski
by Al & Doris Swedmark

4:00 PM Reconciliation

5:30 PM Mass For the People

Sunday, September 14:

7:30 AM Mass +John Poppenberg
by Donna & Family

9:00 AM Mass +Arnold Kunze by
Sharon & Bob Zarrett

10:15 AM Rosary for Peace/Chapel

11:00 AM Mass +Bernice Erickson
by Martha Desautel

7:00 PM Mass (Newman Center)
+Michelle Moriarty by Mary Herried

Governor Sarah Palin of Alaska knew through pre-natal diagnosis that her fifth child had Downs Syndrome. Following the baby's birth, the Palin family issued this statement: "Trig is beautiful and already adored by us. We knew through early testing he would face special challenges, and we feel privileged that God would entrust us with this gift and allow us unspeakably joy as he entered our life."

(San Diego Union-Tribune, 4/19/08)

Readings for the week of:

September 8 to September 14:

Monday, September 8:

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30 • Ps 13:abc
• *Mt 1:1-16, 18-23*

Tuesday, September 9:

1 Cor 6:1-11 • Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b
• *Lk 6:12-19*

Wednesday, September 10:

1 Cor 7:25-31 • Ps 45:11-12, 14-7
• *Lk 6:20-26*

Thursday, September 11:

1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13 • Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14b, 23-24 • Lk 6:27-38

Friday, September 12:

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27 • Ps 84:3-6, 8, 12
• *Lk 6:39-42*

Saturday, September 13:

1 Cor 10:14-22 • Ps 116:12-13, 17-18
• *Lk 6:43-49*

Sunday, September 14:

• *Nm 21:4b-9 • Ps 78:1b-2, 34-38*
• *Phil 2:6-11 • Jn 3:13-17*

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

September 13/14

USHERS:

- 5:30 PM** Mary Jo Christenson, Bill Howe, Dick Robinson, Glenn Aagard
7:30 AM Matt Dockendorf, Matt Murray, Jim Schneider, Bob Cole
9:00 AM Wally Ethen, George Gardner, Jim Grimm, Dan Shea
11:00 AM Garry Anderly, Barb Fitzgerald, Craig Hougen, Don Pohl

SACRISTANS:

- 5:30 PM** Marleen Webb **7:30 AM** Tom Kern
9:00 AM Pat & Judy Dooley **11:00 AM** Al & Doris Swedmark

GREETERS:

- 5:30 PM** Mary Dufault, Audrey Hofmeister, Moe Webb
7:30 AM Dianne Dockendorf, Pete Kucera, Sandy Kucera
9:00 AM Becky Haskell, Jim Haskell, Natascha Smrekar
11:00 AM Mickie Coe, Donna Bach, Rosemary Pulczynski

SERVERS:

- 5:30 PM** Taylor Fankhanel, Christopher Gilbertson, Lindsey Mystic
7:30 AM Mya Dockendorf, Jaclyn Kern, Ryan Heisler
9:00 AM Zachery Froelich, Andrew Steffes, Cole Wright
11:00 AM Joelly Ellenson, Ethan Froelich, Chris Niner

READERS/INTERCESSIONS:

- 5:30 PM** Connie Anderson-Aagard, Trish Jones, Liana Schaefer
7:30 AM Dennis Vorgert, Germaine Cheslock, Margaret Maus
9:00 AM Paula DeClusin, Barb Nyberg, Rose Fagerstrom
11:00 AM Dick Rossman, Bill Maki, Tony Schussman

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:

- 5:30 PM** Mary Westrum, Marleen Webb, Mary Dufault, Liana Schaefer, Lynn Baird, Peggy Bonovich, Stephen Vencel, Jack Hunt
7:30 AM Margaret Maus, Tom Kern, Susan Dondelinger, Al Foley, Jane Foley, Kadie Kern, Walter Schuiling
9:00 AM Joe Bofferding, Pat Dooley, Amy Bofferding, Stephanie Downey, Kermit Erickson, Rose Fagerstrom, Rachelle Hayes, Sue Lucas, Tim Lucas, Mark Studer
11:00 AM Karen Merschman, Al Swedmark, Doris Swedmark, Tony Schussman, Theresa Steele, Jodi Maki, Steve Steele, HELP, HELP, HELP

MUSICIANS:

- 5:30 PM** Karenlee Alexander/Lynn Maltais
7:30 AM Linda Wolf/Deb Bauer
9:00 AM Linda Wolf/Hyram Price
11:00 AM Deb McGregor-Pfleger/Pam Beard

HOSPITALITY:

- 7:30 AM** Matt & Dianne Dockendorf
9:00 AM Renae May, Jen Johnson, Barb Myhrer, Tracy Wright
11:00 AM Rick & Mickie Coe, Gail Haubrich, Rosemary Pulczynski

Stewardship of Financial Resources:

Fiscal Year July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009

Contributions received the weekend of: 8/31/08 – Week #9

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| Envelopes | |
| Weekly | \$ 12,939.00 |
| Loose Plate | \$ 990.11 |
| Children's | \$ 69.63 |
| Total | \$ 13,998.74 |

Fiscal Year to Date: 8/31/08 - Week #9

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| <u>Amount Contributed</u> | |
| Envelopes | \$ 132,183.89 |
| Loose Plate | \$ 10,159.33 |
| Children's | \$ 612.24 |
| Total | \$ 142,955.46 |

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| DRC Pledges | \$ 690,664.04 |
| DRC Payments Received | \$ 294,043.41 |
| Amount Remaining on Pledges | \$ 396,620.63 |

Stewardship: A Habit of the Heart.

SUMMER 2008 NEWS BEMIDJI COMMUNITY FOOD SHELF

JULY WE SERVED 401 FAMILIES (1,556) PEOPLE

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| Food Distributed | 25,315 pounds |
| Food Donated | 15,226 pounds |

THE NEED FOR FOOD REMAINS CONSTANT IN THE SUMMER

Thank you for helping out your neighbors in need this summer by bringing food items and money on the last Sunday of the month.

PLANT A ROW IN YOUR GARDEN FOR THE FOOD SHELF

Thank you for sharing your garden with the Food Shelf.

FOOD ITEMS NEEDED – Macaroni and Cheese and Tuna.

BEMIDJI COMMUNITY FOOD SHELF NEWSLETTER

If you would like to receive our in depth newsletter four times a year, please send your address or email address to the food shelf.

Bemidji Community Food Shelf
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Bemidji, MN 56619-3318
(218) 444-6580 E-Mail bcfs@paulbunyan.net
Website www.paulbunyan.net/bemidjicomunityfoodshelf

INFORMATION & ACTIVITIES

St. Philip's extends condolences to the families of **Mary Gillespie and Pat Barry**. May they find rest and peace with our Lord, Jesus Christ and may their families find comfort in God's love.



DIOCESE OF CROOKSTON

Upcoming course offerings as part of Learning the Catholic Faith: "*Building up the Body of Christ*" courses include:

**Foundation Theology,
Spirituality,
Hebrew Scriptures**

"4 Saturday Mornings" Program offerings include:
**Marriage and The Family,
Bible Basics**

The Eucharist: "Source and Summit" of Our Faith

Please contact the parish office for more information.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Christians throughout northern Minnesota are invited to take part in the National *40 Days for Life* effort from September 24 through November 2, 2008. In addition to 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion in America, please consider volunteering to pray outside the Cass County Court House on the front lawn for one or more hours during the forty days, and spread the word to others about this important life-saving effort. To get more information or to volunteer to help please contact www.40daysforlife.com/walker or call Beth at 218-547-0481.

Sacred Heart Church of Wilton

72nd Annual Chicken and Ham Dinner

Sunday, Sept 21, 2008

11:00 AM — 2:00 PM

Adults \$10.00 Children \$4.00

Come and enjoy the day with us.

LORD
Bless the work
of our hands!

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Our Lady of the Lakes Magnificat Chapter Calls All Women!!

St. Agnes Church, Walker, MN

Monday, September 22, 2008

Fellowship at 5:30 PM Dinner at 6:00 PM

Please join us for an evening of praise & worship & teaching & healing!!

PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYER for the upcoming national election. Join in prayer September 8 — November 4 (54+4-day) Rosary Novena. And beginning NOW...prayer and fasting on Tuesdays and a weekly hour of Eucharistic Adoration.

Information on the Rosary Novena and the Magnificat can be found in the Narthex.

ATTENTION: Engaged and Married Couples

**Natural Family Planning
Fall 2008 Classes are now available.**

Please call Cheryl Granger at 701-847-3093 for class dates and times or visit www.fargodiocese.org and click on the NFP link.

Classes will be held at the UND Newman Center in Grand Forks, and at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, in Crookston.

Next LIFE TEEN Mass

Saturday October 4th 5:30 pm

Future Life Teen Masses: November 1st, December 13th,
January 3rd, February 7th, March 21st, April 25th,
May 16th *Baccalaureate

October 4th LIFE Night: "Rock What You Got"

Tour @ BHS

Christian bands *Super chick, Stellar Kart, Article One, and Starlit Platoon* are coming to Bemidji in the "Rock What You Got" tour! 9th-12th graders, you are invited to join us for the full night. We'll gather for LIFE TEEN Mass @ 5:30 pm, a quick dinner will be provided for you between Mass & the concert, and we'll gather briefly after the concert. Stay tuned for more details in the coming weeks, but set that night aside & invite a friend or two. Tickets will be purchased as a group, at a group rate, so you don't have to worry about buying them on your own. Ticket cost will be announced soon.

Interested in Helping with a LIFE Night?

If you'd like to get involved in the planning and events of a LIFE Night this year (there is one on each night of a scheduled LIFE TEEN Mass) please contact Abbie in the youth office for more details.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

444-5849

Helping Our Children and Youth
Grow in Their Catholic Faith

Missed the Parent Information and Registration Session??

Religious Formation class registration will be held before and after Mass on September 13 and 14 or you can stop by the RF Office to register.

Sorry we will not be mailing registration forms or taking registration over the phone.

CONFIRMATION

PARENT SESSION

A Confirmation Parent Session will be held on **Thursday, September 18, 6:30 PM** at the Social Hall. This session is for parents of youth who are in 11th grade who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. One parent must attend the session. At the Parent Session we will discuss Confirmation, the parent's role, schedule, guidelines and concerns. This will be the only parent session for Confirmation offered this year. This is a parent only session. Questions contact Kris.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

PARENT SESSION

First Reconciliation Parent Session will be held **Wednesday, September 24th at 6:30 PM** in the Social Hall. This Parent Session is for parents who will be preparing their child for First Reconciliation this year. First Reconciliation is for children who are in at least 2nd grade. It is recommended that the child receive the sacrament of Reconciliation before receiving First Eucharist. A parent must attend the session in order for the child to receive the sacrament. This is a parent only session. The Parent Session includes an overview of the sacrament and the preparation program. This will be the only parent sessions offered for First Reconciliation this year. Questions contact Kris.



Previous Week

Part I. Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: The U.S. Bishops' Reflection on Catholic Teaching and Political Life.

Introduction.

Does the Church Teach About Issues Affecting Public Policy? . . .

This Week

Who in the Church Should Participate in Political Life? .

Next Week

Part one of: How Does the Church Help the Catholic Faithful to Speak About Political and Social Questions?

Weeks Following will include:

What Does the Church Say About Catholic Social Teaching in the Public Square?-Seven Key Themes. . . .

Conclusion.

Part II. Applying Catholic Teaching to Major Issues:

A Summary of Policy Positions of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

- Human Life.
- Family Life.
- Social Justice.
- Global Solidarity.

Part III. Goals for Political Life: Challenges for Citizens, Candidates, and Public Officials.

Who in the Church Should Participate in Political Life?

13. In the Catholic Tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation. This obligation is rooted in our baptismal commitment to follow Jesus Christ and to bear Christian witness in all we do. As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* reminds us, "It is necessary that all participate, each according to his position and role, in promoting the common good. This obligation is inherent in the dignity of the human person. . . . As far as possible citizens should take an active part in public life" (nos. 1913-1915).

14. Unfortunately, politics in our country often can be a contest of powerful interests, partisan attacks, sound bites, and media hype. The Church calls for a different kind of political engagement: one shaped by the moral convictions of well-formed consciences and focused on the dignity of every human being, the pursuit of the common good, and the protection of the weak and the vulnerable. The Catholic call to faithful citizenship affirms the importance of political participation and insists that public service is a worthy vocation. As Catholics, we should be guided more by

our moral convictions than by our attachment to a political party or interest group. When necessary, our participation should help transform the party to which we belong; we should not let the party transform us in such a way that we neglect or deny fundamental moral truths. We are called to bring together our principles and our political choices, our values and our votes, to help build a better world.

15. Clergy and lay people have complementary roles in public life. We bishops have the primary responsibility to hand on the Church's moral and social teaching. Together with priests and deacons, assisted by religious and lay leaders of the Church, we are to teach fundamental moral principles that help Catholics form their consciences correctly, to provide guidance on the moral dimensions of public decisions, and to encourage the faithful to carry out their responsibilities in political life. In fulfilling these responsibilities, the Church's leaders are to avoid endorsing or opposing candidates or telling people how to vote. As Pope Benedict XVI stated in *Deus Caritas Est*,

The Church wishes to help form consciences in political life and to stimulate greater insight into the authentic requirements of justice as well as greater readiness to act accordingly, even when this might involve conflict with situations of personal interest. . . . The Church cannot and must not take upon herself the political battle to bring about the most just society possible. She cannot and must not replace the State. Yet at the same time she cannot and must not remain on the sidelines in the fight for justice. (no. 28)

16. As the Holy Father also taught in *Deus Caritas Est*, "The direct duty to work for a just ordering of society is proper to the lay faithful" (no. 29). This duty is more critical than ever in today's political environment, where Catholics may feel politically disenfranchised, sensing that no party and too few candidates fully share the Church's comprehensive commitment to the life and dignity of every human being from conception to natural death. Yet this is not a time for retreat or discouragement; rather, it is a time for renewed engagement. Forming their consciences in accord with Catholic teaching, Catholic lay women and men can become actively involved: running for office; working within political parties; communicating their concerns and positions to elected officials; and joining diocesan social mission or advocacy networks, state Catholic conference initiatives, community organizations, and other efforts to apply authentic moral teaching in the public square. Even those who cannot vote have the right to have their voices heard on issues that affect their lives and the common good.

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For more information please see www.faithfulcitizenship.org