SHEPHERD OF SOULS **AREA FAITH COMMUNITY**



AUGUST 10, 2025



19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." - Lk 12:39-40

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AFC MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

St. Philip, Litchfield5:00pm

St. Philip, Litchfield8:00am Our Lady, Manannah8:00am

St. John, Darwin10:00am St Anthony, Watkins 10:00 am

St. Philip, Litchfield (Spanish)...12:00pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday

St. Philip 4:15 - 4:45 pm

Thursday

St. John After 8:00am Mass St. Anthony After 8:30am Mass (3rd, 4th & 5th Thursday)

Friday

Our Lady After 8:00am Mass

Or Please call A Priest for an Appointment

NEW MEMBER REGISTRATION

To register as members of any of our four parishes go to www.shepherdofsouls.org

and click on "I'm new". If you prefer, you may call the office of the church you wish to register at.

AFC Mission Statement

Our Mission is to proclaim and celebrate Jesus Christ as the center of our lives and to make disciples for Jesus through building community, serving our Brothers and Sisters, sharing our faith and celebrating sacraments.

LITCHFIELD CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP

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MANANNAH CHURCH OF OUR LADY

57482 CSAH 3 | Grove City, MN 56243 320-693-8900 | 320-453-7526

WATKINS CHURCH OF ST ANTHONY

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WELCOME!



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Our Lady's Ice Cream Social is Friday, Aug. 15.

For the Holy Day of Obligation, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we will have vigil Masses Aug. 14th: 6pm at St. Anthony and 7pm at St. John, and Aug. 15th: Noon at St. Philip and 7pm at Our Lady.

Peace be with you, Fr. Jeff Horeisi

> If you are looking for Mass when you are away from home, www.masstimes.org can be helpful. It might also be good to double-check with the church to make sure that the Mass is still at that time.

Save the Dates for Upcoming

AFC Parish Fundraisers

St. Philip

Car Show & Bazaar, Sunday, September 7, 2025

St. Anthony

Fall Festival. Sunday, September 14, 2025

Our Lady

Pork Chop Supper & Raffle, Sunday, September 28, 2025

Watch the bulletin & mail for further details!

Litchfield Songs of Summer

Friday, August 15, Memorial Park by Lake Ripley

Gates open at 4 pm, Michael Shynes starts at 5 pm, South 40 at 6:15 pm and the Fabulous Armadillos start at 8:30 pm.

Bring your own lawn chairs and come hungry!

Please support Litchfield KC's Burger Stand and the School of St. Philip will be selling beverages!

St Anthony Church Cleaners:

Church Cleaners August 3-16: Andy & Erin Hesse, Deb & Art Hesse, Rich & Mary Ann Hesse and Scott Hesse and families.

Call Theresa at 764-7251 to unlock.

Bulletin Deadlines

Please have your bulletin announcements to Julie at jschmitz@shepherdofsouls.org by noon on Monday. Thank you!

My Parish App Features

Did you download the Shepherd of Souls AFC My Parish app yet?

Did You Know that you can pray with the My Parish App?! The My Parish app has over 50 prayers that you can use to pray with. You can also set a reminder to pray certain prayers at specific times of the day. What better way to incorporate prayer throughout the day!

New: prayer groups and prayer requests now accepted through the app. Join the prayer group to pray for intentions with the "Groups" button. Request prayers (in the lower right hand corner) of the "Prayers" button.

Let's join together as an AFC in prayer to pray for each other's needs!
Check it out!



MASSES & INTENTIONS

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Monday, August 11

Tuesday, August 12

St. Philip, Litchfield 6:00 pm† Mike Robischon St Anthony, Watkins 6:00 pm† Lloyd Ley & Lisa Heinen

Wednesday, August 13

Hilltop Care Center, Watkins 10:30am.....† Richard J. Donnay

Thursday, August 14

Meeker Manor, Litchfield, 10:00 am † Cletus Sterner Masses for the Vigil of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

St. Anthony, Watkins 6:00 pm† Darlene Huckenpoehler St. John, Darwin 7:00 pm † Char Benoit

Friday, August 15—Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

St. Philip, Litchfield 12:00 pm† James & Lois Filzen Our Lady, Manannah 7:00 pm† Jerome & Margaret McCarney

Saturday, August 16

St. Philip, Litchfield 5:00 pm† Carol Huhner

Sunday, August 17

Mass live streaming on our website using Facebook Live every Saturday at 5:00 pm St. Philip, Sunday at 8:00 am at St. Philip & Our Lady, Sunday 10:00 am at St. John. You can follow us at https://www.facebook.com/profile.php? id=100069068800296 The video will remain on our website after the mass is over.

Please pray for those who are sick in the Parish especially...

St.P: Todd Wheeler, Isaac Buhr, Dan Curran, Jasper Kargas, Antonio Franco, Sylvia Johnson, Jon Laney, Jan Paulson, Jordan Munson, Robin, Caitlin Pitts, Karen Marsh, Mary Knutson, Tim Kapperman, Kay Grams, Philip Johnson, Dale Andersen, Darlene Putney, Addie Fairbairn, Peg Shaw, Jeremy Munson, Carole Becker, Jim Knott, Marge Hanson, Pat Aaker, Jodi Henricksen Winkles, Summer Franco, Florence Rezek, Cordelia Lewandoski, Julie Eck, Pat Munson, Gunnar Pitts, Fae Alvarez, Alma Anderson, Henrik Zattera, Peter Larson. Prayer Line phone number 693-3313 ext 100.

OL: Prayer Line: Mary Kalkbrenner, George Pfeffer, Mary Hansen, Rosie Boyer, Art Haag, Grace Struthers, Jacquelynn Valiant. Prayer line phone number 693-8900.

St.J: Ednel Diedrich, Alec McLean, Marlys Roehl, Troy Kotila, Kim (Elke) Jack, Jacob Schmitz, Kathy Eggert, Janice Crowe, Lori Ficker, Wes Edwards, Jessee Steuck, Clarence Vorlicek, Mary Levinski, Phyllis Levno, Dale LaPlante, Reiden Cichoska, Tony Marelic, Betsy Wright, Jeff Peller, Debbie Francis, Ellyn Guerre, Ruth Brecht, Jon Edwards, Joyce Nyberg, Carlo Iovino, Eugene Stauber, Cassie Spike, Terri Liepold, Helena Posusta, Leon & Carol Schumacher, Ruth Brecht. Prayer Line Phone Number 693-9496.

St.A: The Jackie Boulton Family, Ron Welle, Luana Ley, Ellen Libbesmeier, Carol Huberty, Tom Huberty, Patrice Canfield, Joyce Manske, Gretta H, Layne Bennett, Ruth Geislinger. Prayer Line phone number 764-2755.

And all those who have asked for our prayers of healing of their friends and relatives.

Stewardship

SUNDAY CONTRIBUTIONS and OFFERINGS FROM THE WEEKEND OF: August 3, 2025				
OFFERINGS	St. John	Our Lady	St. Philip	St. Anthony
Youth & Children Envelope	\$0.00	\$39.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Adult Envelope	\$3,210.00	\$1,515.00	\$6,820.00	\$4,438.00
ACH (Auto payment)	\$390.00	\$0.00	\$1,570.00	\$745.00
Loose Plate Collection	\$212.25	\$188.00	\$827.00	\$210.00
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERING	\$3,812.25	\$1,742.00	\$9,217.00	\$5,393.00
Weekly Amount needed for budget	\$3,902.00	\$2,501.00	\$10,160.00	\$3,785.00
This Week's Difference	(\$89.75)	(\$759.00)	(\$943.00)	\$1,608.00
YEAR TO DATE SUNDAY OFFERING	\$18,178.50	\$9,142.00	\$54,211.80	\$16,927.00
Year to Date Budget Needs	\$19,510.00	\$12,505.00	\$50,800.00	\$18,925.00
YEAR TO DATE DIFFERENCE	(\$1,331.50)	(\$3,363.00)	\$3,411.80	(\$1,998.00)

Every Parishioner is a Gift to the Parish and the Church. Your Financial Contributions and the Gift of your time and talents in serving the needs of our Parish and Area Faith Community is a Blessing!

Any donations can be mailed or made online at https://www.shepherdofsouls.org/donate Please specify the name of the parish or fund you are donating to in the comments area.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

MONDAY, AUGUST 11

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12

StP 8:30 am...Rosary StP 9:00 am....Bible Time

StP 6:00 pm....KC Annual Family Picnic @ Ladybird Park

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

StJ 8:30 am...Quilting

School 5:00 pm....School Committee Meeting

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14

StJ ... No Coffee & Rolls

StP 12:00 pmGaming Committee Meeting StA 2:00 pm.....Place of Hope Food Ministry

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15

StP 8:00 am... Rosary

OL 4:00 pm...CCW Pie & Ice Cream Social

StP 4-11 pm....Songs of Summer @ Memorial Park

Eucharistic Adoration

He is waiting for you to come spend time praying. Eucharistic Adoration will be

St. Anthony, Every Thursday -Friday

Thursday 9:00 am to Friday 9:00 am

St. Philip, Tuesday, August 19

9:00 am Adoration begins, 5:45 pm Benediction

Everyone is welcome to come and pray!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

StA 7:30 am....Men's Group @ EV StP 9:30 am....Women at the Well

StA 1:30 pm... Wedding of Ben Teicher & Ayana Ertl

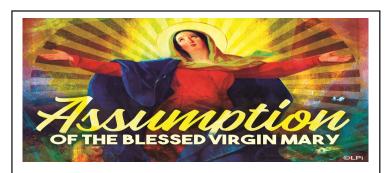
StA 3:30 pm....Youth Games @ Assumption

StA 7:00 pm... Aly Aleigha Concert @ Assumption

StP 7:00 pm... Spanish Prayer Vigil

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

StP 11:20 am....Spanish Rosary AFC 6:00 pm... Chosen Watch Party



AFC Mass Schedule for The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday, August 14

St. Anthony, Watkins - 6:00 pm St. John, Darwin - 7:00 pm

Friday, August 15

St. Philip, Litchfield - 12:00 pm Our Lady, Manannah - 7:00 pm

FAITH FORMATION

Needed Pre-School Teacher - Our Lady needs a teacher for the preschool Sunday school class. Must be Virtus trained or willing to be trained. Materials are provided all you need is a love for the littles. Contact Deb McCann at dmccann@shepherdofsouls.org

OL Faith Formation Teacher Meeting - Faith Formation teacher meeting will be held on Sunday, August 24, 5 PM at the Church of Our Lady Social Hall. All teachers, substitutes and anyone interested in teaching are asked to attend. Supper will be served. Any questions contact Deb at dmccann@shepherdofsouls.org

Podcast Episode Recommendation - Ever feel like technology is disordering your relationship with your children or friends? Ever wonder how bad the negative effects of a smartphone really can be? The Catholic Gentleman Podcast recently published an episode highlighting the importance of detoxing from social media and limiting or technology use.

Steubenville Trip - Our students are hopefully recovered from our July 25th-27th Steubenville Conference. We braced through the heat and humidity and encountered the Lord in great new ways! We have a few pic-

tures also on our St. Anthony Facebook page! We had 20 people, including chaperones on the trip this year. Thank you for all the support!



Our Lady - Faith Formation request - The Faith Formation program is looking to have some wooden benches made to use when they have outside activities. The cost is \$800. We are asking for donations to help with the cost. You can put in an envelope marked "Faith Formation" and drop in the collection.

Also looking to purchase a volleyball net for the students to play volleyball. Or if someone has one in good shape that they no longer use and would like to donate. If you have any questions you can contact Deb McCann or Julie Schmitz.

Totus Tuus T-shirts - We have a handful of extra Totus Tuus T-shirts for sale for \$9. Sizes small and medium, adult or youth. Call the office, or email Sam at evwyouthministry@gmail.com.

St. Anthony Faith Formation Volunteers - Before the big, yellow school buses gas up for this new school year we will need to have volunteers in place to support our faith formation program. If you are reading this, you could be the help our program is looking for. Some volunteer areas: Teacher, co-teacher (ask a friend to teach with you), classroom aide, substitute, office support, monitor, kitchen help, dining room clean up, nursery help, greeter, emcee, speaker, etc. Consider joining the team; reach out to the Faith Formation Office at either 320-764-2755

or <u>stanthonyff@shepherdofsouls.org</u>. I look forward to working with you; growing a strong faith filled community...Stephani Peters

Aly Aleigha Concert Aug. 16th

Who's Aly Aleigha? A local musician who creates music that encapsulates the hearts longing for our Lord. She helped lead music at our most recent Steubenville and the students who witnessed her are excited to come to this event. Free of charge! just show up ready to praise and worship the Lord!



Do you like to mow? St. Philip could use your

help! They are in need of 3 more people with riding lawn mowers to help with the mowing of the field. It would be 1 time a month if they get enough help. Call or text Dave 320-221-1045.

Our Lady CCW Annual Pie & Ice Cream Social



Friday, August 15, 2025 Serving from 4:00 to 6:30 pm Menu: BBQ, Potato Salad, Beans, pie, Ice Cream & beverages

Kids Meal: Hot Dog, Applesauce, Chips, Milk

Free Will Offering

Fresh Baked Goods & Garden Produce for sale at the Country Store

Sponsored by: Our Lady Council of Catholic Women



Women's Area Faith Coffee Talk Saturday, September 6, 2025, 9:00 am St. John's Education Center

Speaker will be Andi Mettler
Her Faith journey of Surrender

Come for a time of Fellowship, coffee, treats & door prizes!

Bring your friends and your favorite coffee mug! Sponsors: Family Fare, Thrivent Financial & MN Coffee Roasting

ST. PHILIP'S 20TH CAR SHOW & BAZAAR



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2025 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

821 E. 5th STREET LITCHFIELD, MN

8 AM Mass in Church Proper
9 AM- 1 PM Breakfast & Lunch food stands
MEXICAN FOOD / K.C'S/ LITCHFIELD EAGLES CLUB
Bloody Marys, Mimosas, Coffee Drinks & so much more!



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GLEN EVERHART Acoustic Loop Artist

- \checkmark \$10.00 RAFFLE* Drawing at 12:30
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- 1st prize \$2,000.00
- 4th prize \$250.00
- 2nd prize \$1,000.003rd prize \$500.00
- 5th-9th \$100.00 10th-19th \$75.00



St. Anthony Fall Festival - Save the date for this year's Fall Festival on September 14th! Next Sunday, August 10th, the raffle tickets and worker sign-up list will be available. It is also not too soon to start thinking about other ways to donate, such as: a silent auction basket, garden veggies, kid's games prizes and baked goods and pies. Thank you in advance for all your help to make this year's fundraiser a success!

Seeking September Kitchen Volunteers! Seeking kitchen volunteers to go to "A Place of Hope" in St. Cloud to help prepare and serve meals to the homeless on **September 11, 2:00-6:30 PM**. Children are also welcome to help, but should be accompanied by a parent. Contact Jessie in the St. Anthony office to sign up to volunteer.

PJ Casey Council 2029 News

Annual Family Picnic - The PJ Casey council 2029 will be holding its annual family picnic on August 12, at West Lake Ripley Park. All members and their families are invited. The Knights will grill burgers. Please bring a dish to pass. The event starts at 6:00 PM and replaces our regularly scheduled membership meeting.

Thank You! KC Council 2029 wants to thank all our members and parishioners for your continued support. This spring and summer, thanks to your support, we were able to provide five graduates with scholarships worth \$1,750, we helped support Totus Tuus and have helped raise funds to support Special Olympics and our local disabled. Any gentlemen 18 or older who want to make a difference, I invite you to join. Have a great summer. Harlan Andersen, Grand Knight.

Rosary in the St. John Grotto— Please join us for the Rosary in the Grotto on Saturday, August 23 and Saturday September 13 at 11:00 am. If inclement weather the Rosary will be in the Church.

90th Birthday Celebration for Fr Fred Fink

August 23 1-4 pm at Don & Dana Smieja's, 26415 CSAH #4 Dassel. Bring an appetizer to share and your own beverage. And your lawn chair

Prayer Shawl Meeting - The Prayer Shawl group will have their meeting on Monday, August 25, at 4:30 pm in St. Philip Social Hall. You are welcome to join them. If you would like more information please contact Ann Konietz-ko 320.221.3379 or Karla Wolters 320.695.9262.

Prayer Shawls Available - Do you know anyone who is in need of a warm, loving hug: those suffering from an illness, facing surgery, or experiencing the death of a loved one, as well as those celebrating great joy in their lives, maybe a new baby! Prayer Shawls are available at each of the AFC churches.

A CULTURE OF LIFE MORNING - You are invited YOU to a Culture of LIFE Retreat, August 16th from 8 to noon! This year, the focus is not only on unborn babies, but also moms, dads, and the entire family! There will be activities and presentations geared towards all ages, from small children all the way up to grandparents! Learn, grow, and help spread the Culture of Life, by attending the 40 Days for Life Retreat! Saturday, August 16th from 8 to noon at Assumption Catholic Church in Eden Valley! Cost is Free Will and you do not have to sign up—just come. Details on the Calendar of Events at KYES radio dot com

St. Anthony Church Project Update

With permission from the diocese, St. Anthony's has accepted a proposal from Kostreba Tuckpointing and Roofing out of Rice, MN in the amount of \$26,860. This fee will include necessary tuckpointing and cleaning of the foundation and upper stones. They will begin this work in September. Plans for the sacristy roof are still pending and will be the next matter of attention. Also, pending diocesan approvals, and needed funds, we have a very tentative start date for the interior part of the church project for spring of 2027. Please continue to pray for this project.

St. Anthony Church Project Financials

St. Anthony Church Project Update Remaining Money on Hand: \$212,459.29 Remaining Unpaid Pledges: \$41,463.47

Remaining 1st Phase Exterior Projects: Sacristy

Roof & Tuckpointing

"The Chosen" Seasons 3 and 4 watch party!

Sunday evenings, 6:00-8:00 pm at St Philip's Church. Whether you've seen it all before or are watching for the first time, this story is for YOU. Jesus is inviting you into his story to share your faith with others. No registration, come when you can.

No cost, no homework, no studying, no pressure. Everyone is welcome!

Season 4 Dates: Aug 17, 24, Sept 7, 14, 21, 28, Oct 5, 12



"The Body of Christ "AMEN!

After the Preface and "Holy" Acclamation, Mass continues with one of the thirteen Eucharistic Prayers. The faithful are kneeling for the EPICLESIS.

"In the EPICLESIS, the Church asks God the Father to send His Holy Spirit on the bread and wine, so that by His power they may become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ and so that those who take part in the Eucharist may be one body and one spirit." (CCC 1353) The Holy Spirit, the third Person of the Blessed Trinity, is being called down. Watch for Father's ordained hands to extend, to hover over, and to bless the bread and wine in supplication to the Holy Spirit.

The General Instructions of the Roman Missal #79 provides the following: "The EPICLESIS, by means of particular invocations, implores the power of the Holy Spirit so that the gifts offered by human hands will be consecrated, that is, become Christ's Body and Blood, and that the unblemished sacrificial Victim to be consumed in Communion may be for the salvation of those who will partake of it." At this point in the Mass, the prayers are being addressed to God our Heavenly Father.

Where are the priest's hands as the Consecration begins?



Spiritual Adoption

"JESUS, MARY, and JOSEPH, I LOVE YOU VERY MUCH. I BEG YOU TO SPARE THE LIFE OF THE UNBORN BABY I HAVE SPIRITUALLY ADOPTED, WHO IS IN DANGER OF ABORTION. AMEN."

Your Spiritually Adopted Baby is 29 weeks old. Your baby is perfectly formed. Over the next few weeks their organs mature and they gain fat.

Area Red Cross Blood Drive:



<u>Litchfield Community Blood Drive</u> Zion Lutheran Church, 504 N Gillman Ave, Litchfield, Thursday, August 14, 12:30-6:30 pm

The need for blood is crucial and donors of all types are needed. To make an appointment, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org or download the Red Cross Blood Donor app. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are given priority. Reminders: Bring your Identification and complete your Rapid Pass online the day of the drive. Thank you for considering giving the gift of life.



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