

SHEPHERD OF SOULS AREA FAITH COMMUNITY



AUGUST 17, 2025

AFC MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

St. Philip, Litchfield 5:00pm

Sunday

St. Philip, Litchfield 8:00am

Our Lady, Manannah 8:00am

St. John, Darwin 10:00am

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



20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"There is a baptism with which I must be baptized,
and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished!"
- Lk 12:50

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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

821 East 5th Street | Litchfield, MN 55355 | 320-693-3313

DARWIN CHURCH OF ST. JOHN

106 N. 4th Street | Darwin, MN 55324
320-693-9496 | 320-275-2915

MANANNAH CHURCH OF OUR LADY

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

WATKINS CHURCH OF ST ANTHONY

201 Central Ave S | Watkins, MN 55389 | 320-764-2755

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WELCOME!

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PARISH STAFF

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320-221-4120 Cell Phone

Fr. Mike Doyle, Sr Associate Pastor AFC, 693-3313, ext 108 Office
320-808-6847 Cell Phone

Deacon Roger Osborne 320-894-8618
Deacon John Hansen 320-221-4987
Deacon Phil Henneman 763-220-2549

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Parish Staff Church of St. Anthony

Jessica Teicher, Secretary/Bookkeeper 764-2755
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Sam Mettler, Youth Ministry 764-2755

PASTOR'S LETTER

If you haven't created your Last Will and Testament yet, the consequences for your loved ones could lead to unexpected and catastrophic burdens. The good news is, we've made it **FREE** for you with **MyCatholicWill.com**. It's your chance to make sure your wishes are known, and your family is protected. It's incredibly **EASY**. And it's a **guided** process that covers the needs of most adults and families. Get started right now by going to MyCatholicWill.com/dnu In as little as 20 minutes you can protect your family by creating your Will today.

Summer is quickly coming to an end. Treasure these last few weeks of family get togethers, picnics and other outdoor opportunities.

Peace be with you,
Fr. Jeff Horejsi

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!



 **MyCatholicWill**

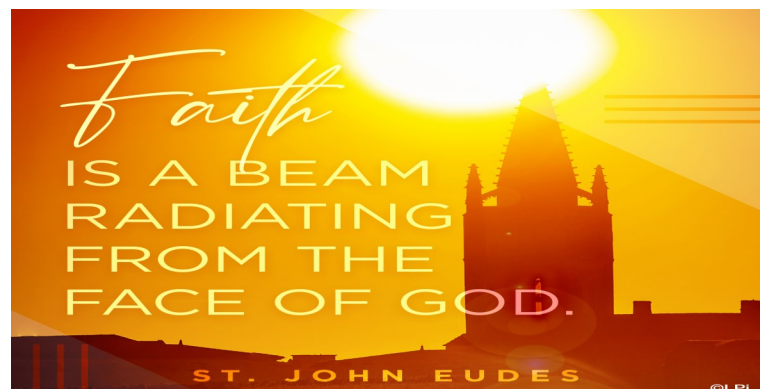
Protect what matters

The Diocese of New Ulm is proud to sponsor **FREE** access to MyCatholicWill.com to help you gain peace of mind, write your will and protect your family from the unexpected.



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MyCatholicWill.com/DNU

Use Referral Code:
DNU



St Anthony Church Cleaners:
Church Cleaners August 17-30
Jeff & Connie Hesse, Kevin & Cara
Hesse and Dan & Misty Hokanson
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 re-
minder to pray certain prayers at spe-
cific times of the day. What better way
to incorporate prayer throughout the
day!

New: prayer groups and prayer re-
quests now accepted through the app.
Join the prayer group to pray for in-
tentions 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 18

Tuesday, August 19

St. Philip, Litchfield 6:00 pm † Joan Johnson
St. Anthony, Watkins 6:00 pm CCW Members

Wednesday, August 20

Hilltop Care Center, Watkins 10:30am † Jack & Lorraine Werner

Thursday, August 21

St. John, Darwin 8:00 am † Chris Hansen
St. Anthony, Watkins 8:30 am † Leo Wieneke

Friday, August 22

Our Lady, Manannah 8:00 am Special Fields Intention
St. Philip, Litchfield 8:30 am † Dick Nagel

Saturday, August 23

St. Philip, Litchfield 5:00 pm Aron & Kelsey Gorackowski

Sunday, August 24

St. Philip, Litchfield 8:00 am † Donna Kasper
Our Lady, Manannah 8:00 am † Dale Kalkbrenner
St. John, Darwin 10:00 am † Tom Crowe
St. Anthony, Watkins 10:00 am † Robert Peters
St. Philip, Litchfield 12:00 pm (Spanish) † People of the Parish

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, Cordelia Lewandoski, Julie Eck, Pat Munson, Gunnar Pitts, Fae Alvarez, Alma Anderson, 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, Jesse Steuck, Clarence Vorlicek, Mary Levinski, Phyllis Levno, Dale LaPlante, Reiden Cichoska, Tony Marelic, Betsy Wright, Jeff Peller, Debbie Francis, Elyn Guerre, Ruth Brecht, Jon Edwards, Joyce Nyberg, Carlo Iovino, Eugene Stauber, Cassie Spike, Terri Liepold, Helena Posusta, Leon & Carol Schumacher, Ruth Brecht, Krystal Elke. 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, Jean Marthaler. 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 10, 2025				
OFFERINGS	St. John	Our Lady	St. Philip	St. Anthony
Youth & Children Envelope	\$0.00	\$14.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Adult Envelope	\$1,830.00	\$2,695.00	\$3,309.00	\$2,040.00
ACH (Auto payment)	\$0.00	\$220.00	\$0.00	\$745.00
Loose Plate Collection	\$194.00	\$61.00	\$813.00	\$279.00
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERING	\$2,024.00	\$3,220.00	\$4,122.00	\$3,064.00
Weekly Amount needed for budget	\$3,902.00	\$2,501.00	\$10,160.00	\$3,785.00
This Week's Difference	(\$1,878.00)	\$719.00	(\$6,038.00)	(\$721.00)
YEAR TO DATE SUNDAY OFFERING	\$20,202.50	\$12,362.00	\$58,333.80	\$19,991.00
Year to Date Budget Needs	\$23,412.00	\$15,006.00	\$60,960.00	\$22,710.00
YEAR TO DATE DIFFERENCE	(\$3,209.50)	(\$2,644.00)	(\$2,626.20)	(\$2,719.00)

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 18

AFC 6:45 pm....AFC Youth Night @ StP

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

StP 8:30 am...Rosary
StP 9:00 am....Bible Time
StP 9:00 am....Adoration Begins
StP 5:45 pm.... Benediction
School 6:30 pmNew Family Meeting

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

StJ 8:30 am...Quilting
AFC 6:00 pm....AFC All Council Meal
AFC 7:00 pm...AFC All Council Meeting

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

StJ 8:30 am... Coffee & Rolls
StP 6:00 pm....4th Degree KC Picnic, Ladybird Park

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

StP 8:00 am... Rosary
StA 7:00 pm...Youth Bonfire @ Assumption

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

StA 7:30 am....Men's Group @ EV
StA 8:00 am....Women's Group
StP 8:00 am....Band of Brothers Bible Study
StJ 11:00 am... Rosary in the Grotto
StP 12:00 pm....Mass of Christian Burial for Florence Rezek

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

StP 11:20 am....Spanish Rosary
OL 5:00 pm....Teachers Meeting
AFC 6:00 pm... Chosen Watch Party
StA 7:00 pm.....Bona Fide @ StA



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!



Our Condolences to the Family & Friends of Doris Welker, mother of Dave Welker. May Doris rest in eternal peace. The obituary can be found at www.johnsonhagglund.com

Our Condolences to the Family & Friends of Joe Krouth. May Joe rest in eternal peace. The obituary can be found at www.johnsonhagglund.com.

Our Condolences to the Family & Friends of Danny Meyer. May Danny rest in eternal peace. The obituary can be found at www.johnsonhagglund.com.

Our condolences to the Family & Friend of Florence Rezek. May Florence rest in eternal peace. The obituary can be found at www.sturmfmh.com. St. Philip: Saturday, August 23, Rosary at 10:30, Visitation at 11:00, Mass of Christian Burial at Noon.



Congratulations

Ben Teicher & Ayana Ertl
Who were united in marriage at the Church of St. Anthony.
May God Bless them!

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

St. Anthony VBS -

True North VBS was a blast at St. Anthony at the beginning of August. We had about 40 students in all participated! Thank you to all volunteers and parishioners for encouraging this great week. Remember to Trust in Jesus!



St. Anthony Upcoming Youth Activities

Bonfire—Students in 7th through 12th grade are invited to attend the last bonfire night of the summer at Assumption in Eden Valley on August 22nd from 7-9pm. S'mores and games included!

Navitas - Students in 5th and 6th grade are invited to attend Navitas September 6th from 3:30 to 5:30pm at St. Anthony in Watkins. Navitas is a Latin word which means 'energy or get up and go' This is time to play games, enjoy snacks and friendships, and deepen our relationship with Jesus.

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.

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



AFC Youth Night - The AFC monthly youth nights are starting up again at St. Philip's! Our first youth night of the school year will be Monday, Aug. 18, 6:45-8:15 PM in the St. Philip Social Hall. Open to all youth entering grades 4 and up. As always, there'll be games, activities, snacks, social time, and prayer! Come join us for an evening of fellowship and fun!

Faith Formation Volunteers needed:

Catechists and helpers are needed in each of our 4 parishes. Please contact your coordinator listed below to volunteer as a catechist or helper for our faith formation programs, to help prepare meals for faith formation nights, assist in activities and more! Please prayerfully consider whether you may be called to serve in any of these valuable ministries.

St. Anthony

Stephani

320-764-2755, stanthonyff@shepherdofsouls.org, K - 12

Sam

320-764-2755, evwyouthministry@gmail.com
Youth Ministry

St. John

Deacon John

320-221-4987, dcnjohn@shepherdofsouls.org, K-12

St. Philip

Karen

320-693-3313 ext 104, kkulzer@shepherdofsouls.org, PreK—Gr 5

Nathan

320-693-3313 ext 109, nstewart@shepherdofsouls.org, Gr 6-11, AFC Confirmation

Our Lady

Deb

320-693-8900/453-7526, dmccann@shepherdofsouls.org
Prek- 12



Women's Area Faith Coffee Talk
Saturday, September 6, 2025, 9:00 am

ST. ANTHONY, WATKINS
(Please note location change)

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

Our Lady Coffee & Rolls— Please join us this **Sunday, September 7** for Coffee & Rolls after Mass in the Parish Center. Come enjoy some fellowship! St. Margaret's Circle will be serving - if you belong to this circle we ask that you help with serving & clean up.

St. Anthony Fall Festival – Save the date for this year's Fall Festival on September 14th! 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.

Our Lady CCW Meeting— Please join us for our bi-monthly CCW Meeting on **Monday, September 8**. We begin with the Rosary at 6:40 pm in the Church and continue with the meeting at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center. All ladies from Our Lady are welcome!

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 Konietzko 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.

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.

Bible Time at St. Philip

"To fall in love with God is the greatest of all romances: to seek him, the greatest adventure." St. Augustine

Join us for a journey through **"Matthew: The King and His Kingdom"** from *The Great Adventure Bible Study* presented by Jeff Cavins.

Beginning **9:00 am Tuesday Sept 16th in the St. Philip's social hall classroom**.

Matthew's Gospel offers timeless wisdom and ethical guidance. We will come to see Jesus in a new way. Discover what his life and teaching mean for us while deepening our relationship with Jesus.

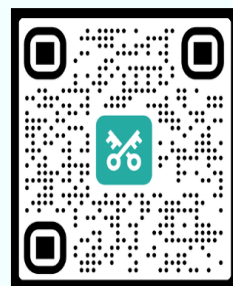
No books or homework. Everyone is welcome to any Tuesday session.



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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!



BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

GLEN EVERHART

Acoustic Loop Artist

✓ **\$10.00 RAFFLE*** Drawing at 12:30

✓ **CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT**

✓ **A VARIETY OF FUN BOOTHS**



RAFFLE PRIZES:

Do not need to be
present to win

- 1st prize \$2,000.00
- 2nd prize \$1,000.00
- 3rd prize \$500.00
- 4th prize \$250.00
- 5th-9th \$100.00
- 10th-19th \$75.00



NATIONAL
Eucharistic
Revival
DIOCESE OF NEW ULM

"The Body of Christ "AMEN!"

The Consecration begins with the priest holding the bread between his fingers. Principally from one of the four Basic Texts for the Roman Catholic Eucharist, the priest's words make a drastic change. From the Epiclesis Prayers addressing God the Father to call down the Holy Spirit, we are transported to the Last Supper. Now the priest is narrating from the Upper Room. We hear the Introductory Words from one of these Eucharistic Prayers: I. "On the day before He was to suffer..." II. "At the time He was betrayed and entered willingly into His Passion..." III. "For on the night He was betrayed He Himself..." IV. "For when the hour had come for Him to be glorified by You, Father most holy, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end: and while they were at supper..."

What are some of the actions that come next in the Introductory Prayers at the Consecration?

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 30weeks old. Baby weighs 2.2 pounds and is 14 inches long!

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

Church of St. Anthony Fall FESTIVAL

Sunday, Sept. 14, 2025 • 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Located at Church of St. Anthony's, Watkins

Join us for 10:00 a.m. Outdoor Mass
(Weather Permitting, Bring a Chair)

- Schiefelbein Hamburgers • Corn Dogs • Chicken Strips
- French Fries • Onion Rings • Fried Bread
- Nachos • Pie & Ice Cream • Root Beer Floats
- Ice Cream Sundaes • Beer Garden & Bloody Marys

**Live
Music!**

Max & Deb Band

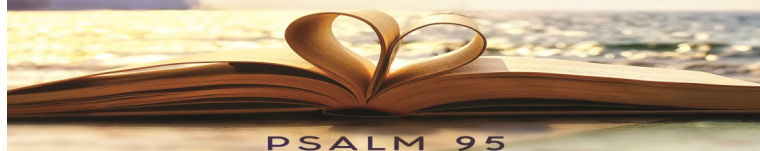
Playing 12:30 - 4:30 p.m.

\$2,000 Grand Prize Raffle

\$7,000 Paid Out in Prizes

- 50/50 Hourly Raffle • Bingo
- Childrens' Games & Inflatables (11 a.m. - 3 p.m.)
- Silent Auction • Pull Tabs • Bake Walk

**IF TODAY YOU
HEAR HIS VOICE,
HARDEN NOT
YOUR HEARTS.**



PSALM 95