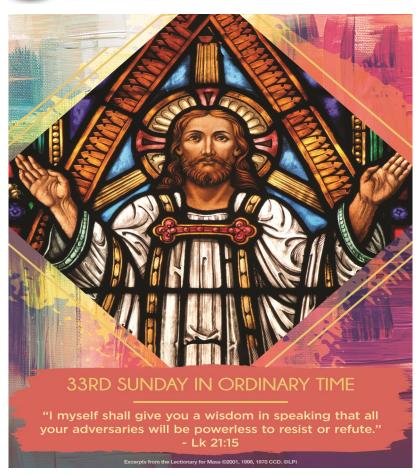
SHEPHERD OF SOULS AREA FAITH COMMUNITY



NOVEMBER 16, 2025



AFC MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

St. Philip, Litchfield4:00pm

Sunday

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

St. John, Darwin10:00am St Anthony, Watkins10:00 am

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday

St. Philip **3:15 - 3:45 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

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

DARWIN CHURCH OF ST. JOHN

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MANANNAH CHURCH OF OUR LADY

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WATKINS CHURCH OF ST ANTHONY

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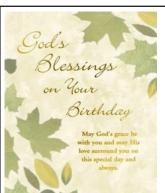
Do you purchase Our Family Brand items??

If so the School of St. Philip collects the Our Family UPC Code.

Please cut those off the Our Family brand item labels and be sure to turn them into any of the Parish Offices or just drop in the collection.



Every little bit helps.



Happy Birthday Fr. Jeff on November 17th!!!! May God Bless you!

PASTOR'S LETTER

Next Sunday is Commitment Sunday for the 2025 Diocesan Ministries Appeal. Watching the video at mass, we are reminded of the good work the DMA is doing through important ministries that parishes are not able to provide on their own.

This year, you will see a change in how your gift to the DMA is distributed, At the recommendation of our diocesan Priest Council, your gift to the DMA will be only used for these ministries and the parishes will no longer receive 20% of each dollar donated. This will help ensure that your gift to the DMA reaches those who need it most.

As you reflect on what your pledge should be, prayerfully keep in mind God's generosity to you. This year's theme, "Bringing Hope to Homes," reminds us that we are called to recognize and respond to the needs of our diocesan family. Jesus invites us into his mission – to share our gifts and to bring hope to others. Be assured that contributions to the DMA will be used only for the benefit of the ministries designated in the brochure and no other purpose. You can watch the DMA video or donate online at https://www.dnu.org/dma.

Advent doesn't begin until Nov. 30th, but since there are only three Wednesdays in Advent and we have four parishes one must have a Reconciliation service early. Our Lady will have theirs on Wednesday evening starting at 6:45pm.

As of the time of writing this, it is expected that SNAP benefits will be restored at some point, but it may take a while for this to happen. We encourage gifts to our Meeker Area Food Shelf. Of course, non-perishable food is welcome, but so are financial gifts. Food shelves can buy more food with every dollar than we can. You may make out a check to your parish with "Food Shelf" on the bottom, and we will get it there.

Peace be with you, Fr. Jeff Horeisi



Greetings from the School of St. Philip!

This month, we are focusing on the virtue of **Humility**. Taking time to reflect on our personal strengths and weaknesses is a valuable habit for each of us. Our strengths guide us along the paths God has created for us, while our weaknesses remind us to rely on His grace in all that we do. Through this reflection, we grow in understanding of God's plan for our lives and deepen our trust in His guidance. St. John the Baptist, while being very good at helping people be sorry for their sins, stepped aside when Jesus came so that all eyes would be turned to Him. St. John the Baptist, pray for us as we practice the virtue of Humility!

Joyfully in Christ, Andrea Dietrich, School of St. Philip - Principal 320-593-4774/adietrich@schoolofstphilip.org

St Anthony Church Cleaners:

Church Cleaners: November 9-22 Brad & Amanda Landwehr, Bryan Landwehr, Adam Langer & Joe & Cindy Lies and families.

Call Theresa at 764-7251 to unlock.

Early Bulletin Deadlines - Due to the upcoming Thanksgiving/Christmas Holidays there will be early deadlines for the Sunday bulletins. All deadlines are Noon to Julie at

jschmitz@shepherdofsouls.org. Thank you in advance for getting your bulletin announcements in by deadline.

Sunday, Nov 23rd Bulletin

Deadline was Thursday, Nov 13

Sunday, Nov 30th Bulletin Deadline Wednesday, Nov 19

<u>Sunday, Dec 7th Bulletin</u> - Deadline Wednesday, Nov 26

Sunday, Dec 14th Bulletin

Deadline Thursday, Dec 4

Sunday, Dec 21st Bulletin—

Deadline Wednesday, Dec 10

Sunday, Dec 28th Bulletin

Deadline Thursday, Dec 18

Sunday, Jan 4th Bulletin

Deadline Tuesday, Dec 23

MASSES & INTENTIONS

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Monday, November 17

Tuesday, November 18

St. Philip, Litchfield 6:00 pm† James & Lois Filzen St Anthony, Watkins **5:30 pm Anointing of Sick Mass** CCW Member

Wednesday, November 19

Hilltop Care Center, Watkins 10:30am.....† Ralph Huberty

Thursday, November 20

St. John, Darwin 8:00 am† John & Margaret Casey Family St. Anthony, Watkins 8:30 am† Richard Kinzer

Friday, November 21

Our Lady, Manannah 8:00 am New Ulm Seminarians St. Philip, Litchfield, 8:30 am† Alma Anderson

Saturday, November 22

St. Philip, Litchfield 4:00 pm† Don & Debbie Bollman

Sunday, November 23



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 Paulsen, 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, Jodi Henricksen Winkles, Summer Franco, Cordelia Lewandoski, Julie Eck, Pat Munson, Gunnar Pitts, Fae Alvarez, Alma Anderson, Peter Larson, Lynae Hanson, Jan Lies, Judy Markgraf, Brenda Torborg, Rose Minton, Gene Nonweiler. 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, Harold Kelm. 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, Jon Edwards, Joyce Nyberg, Carlo Iovino, Eugene Stauber, Cassie Spike, Terri Liepold, Helena Posusta, Leon & Carol Schumacher, Ruth Brecht, Krystal Elke, Mary Amborn. 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, 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: November 9, 2025				
OFFERINGS	St. John	Our Lady	St. Philip	St. Anthony
Youth & Children Envelope	\$0.00	\$5.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Adult Envelope	\$2,632.00	\$1,355.00	\$4,041.13	\$2,280.00
ACH (Auto payment)	\$300.00	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$745.00
Loose Plate Collection	\$254.10	\$137.00	\$472.25	\$291.00
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERING	\$3,186.10	\$1,517.00	\$4,513.38	\$3,316.00
Weekly Amount needed for budget	\$3,902.00	\$2,501.00	\$10,160.00	\$3,785.00
This Week's Difference	(\$715.90)	(\$987.00)	(\$5,646.62)	(\$469.00)
YEAR TO DATE SUNDAY OFFERING	\$60,304.42	\$39,351.00	\$159,333.89	\$66,457.00
Year to Date Budget Needs	\$74,138.00	\$47,519.00	\$193,040.00	\$71,915.00
YEAR TO DATE DIFFERENCE	(\$13,833.58)	(\$8,168.00)	(\$33,706.11)	(\$5,458.00)

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, NOVEMBER 17

StA 12:00 pm.... StA Quilting AFC 6:30 pm....OCIA Meeting

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

StP 8:30 am...Rosary

StP 9:00 am....Adoration Begins

StP 9:00 am....Mission Quilters

StP 9:00 am....Bible Time

StP 5:45 pm.....Benediction

StA 6:15 pm....Meal after Anointing Mass

StA 6:30 pm....Art of Living Book Study

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

StJ 7:00 pm.... Administrative Council Meeting

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

StJ 8:30 am...Quilting

AFC 12:00 pm....Bulletin Deadline for Sun. Nov 30

StP 5:00 pm.....Faith Formation Class Gr 4-6

StJ 5:30 pmChoir Practice

StA 5:45 pm.....Family Faith Formation Class K-6 Gr w/

StJ 6:30 pm...Faith Formation Class Gr 1-11 & Adult Study

StP 6:30 pm ...Faith Formation Class Gr 7-11

OL 6:45 pmFaith Formation Penance Service & Class

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, November 18

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

Everyone is welcome to come and pray!

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20

StJ 8:30 am... Coffee & Rolls

AFC 4:00 pmAFC Social Concerns Meeting StA 6:30 pm....7th-12th Gr Youth Night @EV

StP 6:30 pm....Administrative Council Meeting

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21

StP 8:00 am... Rosary

All AFC Offices Will be closed for the day for a Staff Gathering

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22

StA 7:30 am....Men's Group @ EV

StA 8:00 am.....Women's Group

StP 8:00 am....Band of Brothers Bible Study

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

OL 8:45 am...OL Sunday School

StP 9:15 am....StP Sunday School

StJ 10:00 am...StJ Children's Liturgy

StP 11:20 am....Spanish Rosary

StJ 11:00 am....Breakfast by Faith Formation families



Our Condoiences to the Falling, States those who have recently passed. Please remember them in your prayers. May the Our Condolences to the Family & Friends of remember them in your prayers. May they We Remember rest in eternal peace.

† Lyle Hames - www.johnsonhagglund.com.

† Daniel Vetsch, father of Andrew Vetsch www.bensonfuneralhome.com

† Angelica Franco-Sullivan - www.neptunesociety.com

† Merle Larson - www.jfamilyfuneralhome.com

Anointing of the Sick Mass

We will be celebrating the Anointing of the Sick at Mass

St. Anthony - Tuesday, November 18 at 5:30 pm

We will have a l lite meal after Mass.

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation Schedule

St. Philip - Wednesday, November 19

5:00 pm Faith Formation Class Gr 4-6 6:00 pm Meal & Fellowship

6:30 pm Faith Formation Class Gr 7-11

Sunday School - for Preschool - Gr 3 meet every other Sunday at 9:15 –10:15 am.

Our Lady-Wednesday, November 19

6:45 pm Faith Formation Penance Service & Class Gr 3-11 **Sunday School** - Preschool to Grade 2 after Communion until 9:45 am.

St. John, Wednesday, November 19

5:30 pm Choir Practice 6:00 pm Meal & Fellowship 6:30 pm Faith Formation Class Gr 1-11, & Adult Study Children's Liturgy - Sunday mornings at 10:00 am

St. Anthony, Wednesday, November 19

Nov 19- Class for 7th-10th Graders & Confirmation 6:30-8pm

Nov 26- No Class: Happy Thanksgiving Dec 3- Class for 7th-10th Graders 6:30-8pm

Dec 10- Family Faith Formation K-6th 5:45-7:45pm

Dec 17- Class for 7th-10th Graders & Confirmation 6:30-8pm

For more information refer to the AFC Google Calendar at www.shepherdofsouls.org

Upcoming Faith Talks at Assumption Church in

Eden Valley "The Light of Christ: Knowing & Living the Truths of the Catholic Faith"

Sundays: November 9th - December 7th; 2:00-3:30PM. Presented by Fred Blonigen. Topics include: Angels, Spiritual Warfare, the Diabolical and Praying the Mass.

Who is Jesus?

Adult Fellowship and Faith Formation You are invited every week, attend when you are able...

What: Gospel reflection and exploration of "Who is Jesus?" From the *Search* series, he was "a guy who had no money, no armies, no power, the most dominate figure throughout all of history. Who was this man?" Is Jesus who he said he was? What does it mean for us? We'll explore through video and discussion.

Date: Wednesday, November 19, 2025

Time: 6:30-7:45 pm Session begins with large group prayer and Gospel, then students to regular classes and adults to fellowship room. 6:00 - 6:20 pm optional dinner with the SJ

FF students

Where: St. John's Ed Center

Questions: Call or text Connie 612-387-2686

St Anthony Parish Report

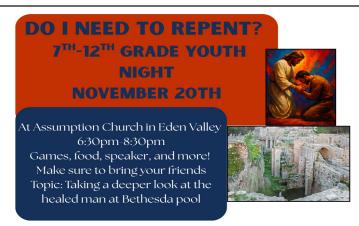
The annual parish report for July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025 are available in the back of the church.

St Anthony Caramel Apple Fundraiser

Thank You to everyone for supporting our Caramel Apple Fundraiser!

Coffee Fundraiser - Students will be selling Mystic Monk coffee for Steubenville this year the weekends of November 16th and 23rd after Mass at St. Anthony and Assumption. New this year is the option to buy a 5lb bag to save more! For this option, or to buy any coffee or tea outside of after Mass, please contact Sam directly

at evwyouthministry@gmail.com or by phone at 3206307590. **Deadline to order is December 1st. Coffee will be picked up/available December 14th.**



Contact Sam with any questions at evwyouthministry@gmail.com



AFC Youth Night - Our next AFC monthly youth night will be Tuesday, Nov. 18, 6:45-8:15 PM in the St. Philip Social Hall. Open to all youth in 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!



Core Night - There are a few spaces still available for youth in grades 6-12 who'd like to attend COR Night at St. Aloysius in Olivia on Dec. 7, 4:00-8:00 PM. COR Night consists of games, social time, praise & worship music, a guest speaker, meal, and Eucharistic Adoration. Confirmation candidates who attend will receive spiritual hours. Spaces

will be granted on a first-come, first-served basis until Nov. 21. The cost is \$20 per youth. Contact Nathan Stewart if interested or for more information.

Ready to try Catholic Talk Radio?

Have You Tried Relevant Radio? With the Relevant Radio free app you can listen to inspiring conversations, grow spiritually with powerful devotions, and embrace your journey to become closer to God. Week 10: 7PM: This is a Rosary like no other. Your family will discover the joy and beauty of the Rosary by uniting in prayer with families across the nation. The Family Rosary Across America is a live and interactive radio program bringing together Catholics across the nation to pray the rosary. Join 100,000 people each evening as we pray together and for one another.

Box of Joy Project - St. Anthony CCW Box of Joy Project: We collected and delivered 26 Boxes of Joy this year. Thank you for your generous support in this project.

St. Anthony CCW Shepherd of the Field: This year our Shepherd is retired Fr. Germaine Rademacher, 720 23rd St. No., Apt. 201, New Ulm, MN 56073-3061. B-day Dec. 4, Ordained Feb. 23.

St. Anthony Baby Bottles for Life! Thank you for your support of life by participating in the Baby Bottle Campaign of the Pregnancy Resource Center in St. Cloud. If you haven't already done so, please return your money-filled baby bottles to St. Anthony's as soon as you can.



Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers for your time, energy, and care in helping with the meal. Your hard work and kindness made it a success, and we truly appreciate all that you do!

We served 207 dine in meals, 226 take out meals, with a total profit of \$4,917.88.

The Ladies Night Out Silent Auction is Open!

Please make your bids at St. Philip's Church hallway now through Ladies Night Out December 11th!
Proceeds raised will be forwarded to Sharing & Caring Hands and the Meeker County Food Shelf. Let's Help those in need this Holiday Season & also get your Christmas shopping done!



Would you like to Host a table for Ladies Night Out?

- 1. Host your table of 8 Ladies or more
- 2. Buy Tickets (8 per table \$25 per ticket at St. Philip
- 3. Bring your own lovely dishes & décor to decorate your table
- 4. Set up for your table is Wednesday evening in the Social Hass 5:00-7:00 pm

For tickets/questions contact Monica Schreiber @952-288-4676 OR Brenda Grates @320-693-3313x100.

St. Anthony Ministry Fair

On Sunday, November 30th, after Mass we will be hosting a "Ministry Fair" to encourage people to sign up to help with our Sunday ministries. There will be a representative of each of the ministries available to answer questions and to hopefully sign you up. Please prayerfully consider whether God has been calling you to do more.

Tuesday Night Rosary Leader

We are looking for a few people willing to lead the rosary before the 6PM Tuesday evening Mass at St. Anthony's. Contact the St Anthony office if you can help!

St. Philip's Quilters Sale

Saturday, Dec. 13, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm Sunday, Dec. 14, 8:00 am to 10:00 am At the Church of St. Philip



December Community Rosary Night/Potluck

December's potluck will be held on December 5th at 6PM at the Assumption Church and hosted by Jerry Arnold. Bring your rosary and a dish to share. All are welcome!

Seeking December 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 <u>December 11, 2:00-6:30 PM</u>. If you'd like to help, but can't find the time, your monetary donations would also be welcome! Contact Jessie in the St. Anthony office to sign up to volunteer or donate.

Men's Group - All men are invited to a new Men's Group at St. Anthony's. This will be held on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month starting on November 22nd. Fellowship, coffee and breakfast will begin at 8:00 AM followed by enrichment, prayer and discussion from 8:30-9:30. We will be working through the "Into the Breach" video series. *Into the Breach* from the Knights of Columbus seeks to answer what it means to be a Catholic man in today's world. This series tells men they are made for greatness and challenges them to achieve it by founding their lives on God and pursuing heroic virtue. Each episode explores a different aspect of authentic Catholic masculinity, features well-known Catholic speakers, and a personal story of a man who has deeply experienced the episode's topic in his own life. We look forward to seeing you there!



Thanksgiving Mass Schedule

Wednesday, November 26

7:00 pm Our Lady, Manannah 7:00 pm Ecumenical Service at All Saints, Darwin

Thursday, November 27

9:00 am St. Anthony, Watkins 9:00 am St. Philip, Litchfield

Knights of Columbus PJ Casey Council 2029

<u>Coats for Kids—</u> The Boxes are available at St. Philip and Our Lady for slightly used coats of any size. The boxes will be up until December 7. So help some of our local neighbors stay warm by donating winter coats which will be distributed locally. Thank you!

Diaper & Clothing Drive—We will be collecting diapers (size 3,4,5 & 6 are needed most) and sweaters, hoodies & sweatsuits (size 6 months & up) from Nov 1 to Nov 30 at St. John's & St. Philip's churches. Clothing items not needed are sleepers and onies. All donations will go to Birthright of Hutchinson.

Knights of Columbus James A Hansen Council

Coats for Kids - The boxes for Coats for Kids will be available at the entrance of St. John's Church and the Ed Center. Please Parishioners put new or gently used coats in for those in the area who do not have a warm coat. Thank you!

2026 St. Anthony Cabin Fever Reliever

The Cabin Fever Reliever for 2026 is set for February 7th! Tickets for this fun event go on sale starting November 30th after the 10AM Mass at St. Anthony's.

St. Anthony Church Project Financials

Remaining Money on Hand: \$186,350.56 Remaining Unpaid Pledges: \$37,873.47

Remaining 1st Phase Exterior Projects: Sacristy Roof &

Tuckpointing



2025 NCYC

Pope Leo XIV will engage in a live digital dialogue with young people at the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC)

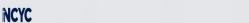
The encounter will take place on Friday, November 21, at 10:15 am ET at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis. The encounter will be livestreamed via EWTN, the exclusive multi-cast provider.

A comprehensive digital experience will be available to all in preparation for the encounter! By registering for the Digital Experience, you'll receive access to:

- A pre-event gathering on November 11 at 9:00 pm ET, featuring special guests, prizes, exclusive content, and more
- Instructions for the livestream
- **Post-event resources** to bring the Pope's message into your home, parish, or classroom



Scan the QR Code to register







"The Body of Christ "AMEN!

After the conclusion of the Eucharistic Prayer, the Priest and congregation

come together to pray the Lord's Prayer. The Priest invites all to join in with these words: "At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say: OUR FATHER..." The praying of the OUR FATHER together begins the Communion Rite.

In seven petitions the OUR FATHER sums up the most important aspects of spiritual life. It is the perfect model of how we should pray, what things we should pray for, and in what order. It is fitting that we say the prayer that our Lord taught us as we prepare for Communion.

At Mass, a Catholic priest uses the orans position. "The priest extend his hands", as the General Instructions of the Roman Missal states, during several specific prayers. The Priest, in persona Christi, raises his hands in the orans position 28 times during certain prayers at Mass. (GIRM 120-170) "Orans" is a Latin word meaning "praying" and refers to the way the Old Testament priests implored and thanked God with their arms outstretched. This orans position of the Priest is required of him during the OUR FATHER as the main celebrant of the Mass. With his hands in the orans position, the Priest is speaking to God on our behalf. We join him in praying the OUR FATHER, but the Priest is the one who is offering our prayer to God the Father.

Why don't Catholic say "For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory...?



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."

Hope Pregnancy Center 1520 Mavis Lane Willmar, MN 320 235 7619 Birthright 218 Main Street, Suite 132 Hutchinson, MN 320.587.5433

Elevate Pregnancy & Family Resource Center- Near St. Cloud 376 3rd Street NE

Waite Park, MN 320 252 4150 Prolife Across America 800.366.7773

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Make a difference with your IRA: Donate via
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You can support your local church while reducing your taxable income!



What is a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)?

- A QCD allows you to donate up to \$108,000 directly from your IRA to your parish
- This distribution counts towards your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) and is not subject to income tax

How can I get started?

- 1. Check eligibility with your financial advisor
- 2. Contact your IRA custodian to initiate the QCD (Qualified Charitable Distribution)
- 3. Choose your parish and complete the donation

