

SHEPHERD OF SOULS AREA FAITH COMMUNITY



OCTOBER 19, 2025



29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to answer them? I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?” - Lk 18:7-8

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AFC MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

St. Philip, Litchfield **4:00pm**

Time Change as of Oct. 4 until April

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 **3:15 - 3:45 pm**

Time Change as of Oct. 4 until April

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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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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PASTOR'S LETTER

I am happy to report that St. Gertrude's cemetery at Forest City now has a memorial area with a concrete pad, a new bell tower, the church's bell coated to better withstand the weather, the granite bench, the wrought iron crucifix, and the engraved rock that was at the entrance of the church. Some trees will be planted nearby, and signs for the cemetery are also on the way. Thank you to everyone for your hard work in making this bell tower possible!

Today is World Mission Sunday. We join Catholics around the world in prayer and generosity for the missions. The collection today supports the Pope's missions in some of the most vulnerable places on earth. This year's theme, 'Missionaries of Hope Among the Peoples,' reminds us that our prayers and sacrifices bring light to those in darkness. Thank you for your generosity and for being part of this global mission."

Peace be with you, Fr. Jeff Horejsi



Greetings from the
School of St. Philip!

I write to you today with a heart full of gratitude. We have reached our marathon goal thanks to your generosity! Each year, these funds allow our Area Faith Community to continue the vital mission of Catholic education in our rural setting. In so many ways today, even small acts of support make a big difference—and this is no exception—Thank you! Please continue to keep the School of St. Philip in your prayers—pray especially that more families choose our school as a place to begin their faith-filled education.

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

St Anthony Church Cleaners:
Church Cleaners: October 12-25
Norb & Michelle Kramer, Joe &
Mary Kramer, Ron & Greta Kramer
and Walter & Deb Kramer 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?

What are you waiting for? If you
haven't, you are missing out on im-
portant AFC announcements, easy
access to the bulletin, the daily Mass
readings, prayers, a confession help-
er and much more!

Check it out! Need help?
Contact Jessie in the St.
Anthony office for assis-
tance.



**Reminder that on Saturday, October 4th the Saturday Mass at
St. Philip changed from 5:00 pm to 4:00 pm until April.**

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. Prayer Line phone number 693-3313 ext 100.

OL: Prayer Line: Mary Kalkbrenner, George Pfeffer, Mary Hansen, Rosie Boyer, Art Haag, Grace Struthers, Jacquelyn 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, Jesse Steuck, Clarence Vorlicek, Mary Levinski, Phyllis Levno, Dale LaPlante, Reiden Cichoska, Tony Marelic, Betsy Wright, Jeff Peller, Debbie Francis, Elyn 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.

MASSSES & INTENTIONS

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Monday, October 20

Tuesday, October 21

St. Philip, Litchfield 6:00 pm † Lou Schutz

St Anthony, Watkins 6:00 pm † Earl & Donna Dockendorf

Wednesday, October 22

Hilltop Care Center, Watkins 10:30am..... † Ramona Hokanson

Thursday, October 23

St. John, Darwin 8:00 am † Jerry Schaefer

St. Anthony, Watkins 8:30 am † Lloyd Ley & Lisa Heinen

Friday, October 24

Our Lady, Manannah 8:00 am † Msgr Francis Garvey

St. Philip, Litchfield 8:30 am † James & Lois Filzen

Saturday, October 25

St. Philip, Litchfield **4:00 pm Note Time Change**..... † Joyce Larson

Sunday, October 26

St. Philip, Litchfield 8:00 am † Pauline Frank

Our Lady, Manannah 8:00 am † Adeline McCarney

St. John, Darwin 10:00 am Jane & † Don Bollman

St. Anthony, Watkins 10:00 am † Allen Silmmons

St. Philip, Litchfield 12:00 pm (Spanish) People of the Parish

Stewardship

SUNDAY CONTRIBUTIONS and OFFERINGS FROM THE WEEKEND OF: October 12, 2025

OFFERINGS	St. John	Our Lady	St. Philip	St. Anthony
Youth & Children Envelope	\$0.00	\$55.00	\$0.00	\$6.00
Adult Envelope	\$4,137.00	\$1,420.00	\$3,270.00	\$2,915.00
ACH (Auto payment)	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$745.00
Loose Plate Collection	\$369.50	\$134.00	\$620.00	\$260.00
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERING	\$4,581.50	\$1,609.00	\$3,890.00	\$3,926.00
Weekly Amount needed for budget	\$3,902.00	\$2,501.00	\$10,160.00	\$3,785.00
This Week's Difference	\$679.50	(\$891.00)	(\$6,270.00)	\$141.00
YEAR TO DATE SUNDAY OFFERING	\$47,757.35	\$32,100.00	\$133,994.41	\$50,977.00
Year to Date Budget Needs	\$58,530.00	\$37,515.00	\$152,400.00	\$56,775.00
YEAR TO DATE DIFFERENCE	(\$10,772.65)	(\$5,415.00)	(\$18,405.59)	(\$5,798.00)

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, OCTOBER 20

StA 12:00 pm.... StA Quilting
AFC 6:45 pm...AFC Youth Night @ StP

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21

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 6:30 pm....Art of Living Book Study
StJ 7:00 pm.... Parish Administrative Council Meeting

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22

StJ 8:30 am...Quilting
StP 5:00 pm....Faith Formation Class Gr 4-6
StJ 5:30 pmChoir Practice
StA 6:30 pm.....Faith Formation Class
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 Class Gr 3-11



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, October 21

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

Everyone is welcome to come and pray!

Luminaries for Loved Ones will be available at **St Anthony's** starting Sunday, October 12th. They will be placed in the cemetery after the 8:00 am mass on Saturday, November 1st. A rosary will be said in the cemetery for all souls.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23

StJ 8:30 am... Coffee & Rolls
StA 6:30 pm...Youth Night Gr 7-12 @ Assumption
OL 7:00 pm....Parish Administrative Council Meeting

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

StP 8:00 am... Rosary

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

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, OCTOBER 26

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

OCTOBER - Month of the Rosary

October 13, 1917 The miracle of the Sun was witnessed by around 70,000 people in Fátima, Portugal. **Come** pray the rosary with us this October at St. Philip **7:30 am before Sunday 8:00 am Mass.**



Our Condolences to the Family & Friends of Alois "Al" Neu, brother of Sandie Deadrick. May Al rest in eternal peace. The obituary can be found at www.hafh.org.com.

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



Congratulations to Christopher & Alicia Custer on the baptism of their child Iris Micaela Custer at the Church of St. John.

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation Schedule

St. Philip - Wednesday, October 22

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, October 22

6:45 pm Faith Formation Class Gr 3-11

Sunday School -Preschool to Grade 2 after Communion until 9:45 am.

St. John, Wednesday, October 22

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 beginning Sept 7th

St. Anthony, Wednesday, October 22

Oct 22- Class for 7th-10th Graders & Confirmation 6:30-8pm

Oct 29- Family Packet Night 6:30-7:30

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

Prayer & Chat Time with Fr. Jeff Adults - You are invited!

Date: Wed. Oct. 22, 2025

Time: 6:30 - 7:45 pm. We will start session with the students and then they will go to their Faith Formation classes.

6:00 optional dinner with the St. John FF students

Where: St. John's Ed Center

Questions: Call or text Connie 612-387-2686

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.

Do You Want to Grow in Virtue?

In the book "Art of Living" by bestselling author, Edward Sri, we discover the connection between growing in the virtues and growing in friendship and community with others. Dr. Sri will lead us through the virtues with engaging examples and answer our most pressing questions. He shows us in his easy-to-read style, that the virtues are the basic life skills we need to give the best of ourselves to God and to the people in our lives. We will be meeting on Tuesday nights at 6:30 PM at St. Anthony's starting October 21st and will run through November 25th. The cost is \$10 per book. The audiobook is also available on FORMED for free! Contact Jessie in the St. Anthony office to join in.



Shepherd of Souls AFC Youth Night -

Our next AFC monthly youth night will be Monday, Oct. 20, 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!

7th-12th Grade Youth Night October 23rd 6:30-8:30pm Assumption Church Eden Valley

*What comes from the mouth,
comes from the Heart.*

**Join us for mouth-watering food,
out-of-hand games, and more!**

Reach out to Sam at
evwyouthministry@gmail.com for
questions



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 6: 1-2PM: Father Simon Says is your daily bible study hosted by Father Richard Simon, who jokingly refers to himself as Reverend Know-it-All. Father Simon delves into the daily Scripture readings, shares a Word of the Day to help you sharpen your vocabulary, and opens the phones to your questions about the Faith. After just a few minutes with Father Simon, you might be convinced that he truly does know it all!



St. Philip K of C Vocations Breakfast

Sunday, Oct. 19. 9:00 - 12:00

St. Philip's Social Hall

Free Will Offering

Egg bake, burritos, Biscuits and gravy

And monkey bread

All proceeds are donated To our
Diocese of New Ulm Seminarrians



Women's Area Faith Coffee Talk Saturday, November 1, 2025, 9:30 am (Note time change) ST. ANTHONY SOCIAL HALL

Speaker will be Jodi Welch—Goodness of God
Jodi Welch shares about the goodness of God through everything in life, even in the hard. God has shown up in many different hard situations in her life and God did the same when her 12 year old daughter Briella was diagnosed with a rare brain tumor. Jodi shares about how spiritual muscle memory helped her through this very tough time.

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 Company

Rosary/Potluck -The November Rosary/Potluck will be on Saturday, November 1st at 6PM at St. Anthony's and will be combined with an All Saints Day Party! Bring your costume (optional though encouraged!), a dish to pass and your rosary. This is open to families and individuals of all ages! Come join us as we honor our Saints!

Our Lady Coffee & Rolls— Please join us this **Sunday, November 2** for Coffee & Rolls after Mass in the Parish Center. Come enjoy some fellowship!
St. Elizabeth's Circle will be serving - if you belong to this circle we ask that you help with serving & clean up.

St. John KC Pancake Breakfast -The St. John's Knights of Columbus invite you to a pancake breakfast following the 10:00 Mass on **Sunday, November 2**. Your generous free-will offering will benefit The Cokato Food Shelf & Meeker Area Food Shelf. .

Baby Shower - Our Lady of Manannah is hosting a **BABY SHOWER** We are collecting baby & mom (Clothing, **diapers** & Items) along with the baby bottle cash donations. The collecting will continue through October & be delivered in the first week of November to ELEVATE Pregnancy & Family Resource Center in ST Cloud Judy Haag CCW Rev Life coor.

Baby Bottles for Life! October is Respect Life Month. Help support life by participating in the Baby Bottle Campaign of the Pregnancy Resource Center in St. Cloud. Simply pick up an empty baby bottle from St. Anthony's and return it by the end of the month full of your coins and change. You can also bring your change in and add to the bottles at church. Please also pray for an increase in the respect for all life and for those facing an unplanned pregnancy.

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 no needed are sleepers and onies. All donations will go to Birthright of Hutchinson.

40 Days For Life-St Cloud Vigil Mon-Fri
Eden Valley participants are doing 40 Days For Life vigil on Monday's from 8am-5om at planned parenthood in East St Cloud. If you would like to join us for help pray for an end to Abortion, contact Judy Haag or just come pray with us. 320-453-7592



Holiday Wreaths & Planters - It's that time of year again to place your order for fresh Evergreen Wreaths, Crosses & Planters from the Patriotic Knights of Columbus Assembly #3604. Order forms will be available in the back of all 4-Area Faith Churches (St. Anthony, St. Philips, Our Lady, and St. John's) or call Les Young at 320-290-6502. Deadline to order is October 19th.

CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP
ANNUAL
TURKEY DINNER
Dine in or to go

Voted best in Meeker County!
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 1ST
4:00-7:00 PM
St. Philip's Social Hall 821 E. 5th Street Litchfield, MN
Turkey, mashed potatoes & gravy, stuffing, squash, green beans, cranberries, dinner roll & dessert!
Adults \$15.00 Children 6 & under \$5.00

Seeking November 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 **Nov 13, 2:00-6:30 PM**. 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.

What: Open House come-and-go Baby Shower

Who: Kalica and Shaun McGeary

When: Sat., Nov. 15 - Come and Go from 1-3 p.m.

Where: Church of St Philip Social Hall 821 E 5th St.

RSVP: call or text Marsha 320-221-1698

Baby McGeary registered at my.babylist.com/kalica-mcgeary

Knights of Columbus PJ Casey Council 2029

Coats for Kids—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!

St. Anthony CCW: This year we will again be doing our Christmas project, Box of Joy. This is a shoebox filled with gifts for poor children around the world sponsored by Catholic Cross Foundation. You and your children or grandchildren can shop and fill a box for a child ranging in age from 2-14 years old. You pick up a box and a flyer with instructions and suggestions for items to place in the box, fill the box and return the box to church. CCW will be pay the donation cost of \$9/box to cover shipping. The boxes will be collected in our church on the Sunday mornings of Oct. 19 and 26, and delivered to St. Anastasia church for pick up by Nov. 2. Thank you for your generosity, Kathy Erpelding CCW co-president.

Silent Auction Items Needed! The St. Philip Silent Auction Committee is seeking donation items: Baskets/items, tickets to events, etc. All items will be up for bidding starting at St. Philip Turkey Dinner and will run through and wrap up at the Ladies Night Out event. Please drop donation items off at the St. Philip Parish Office. Help us to help those in need this holiday season!

SAVE THE DATE

School of St. Philip Rummage Sale

Donation dates: April 18—23

Rummage Sale: April 24 & 25

All proceeds go to the School of St. Philip

Marriage Enrichment Retreat – November 21-23, 2025 If you and your spouse are longing to spend some quality time together join our diocesan presenters, Roger and Deborah Schroeder, for a weekend retreat, November 21-23, 2025, at Schoenstatt on the Lake Retreat Center. Take a break from the norm, to hold space for both relationship growth and spiritual enrichment. For more information and/or to register, visit www.dnu.org/marriage-enrichment-retreat or the QR code.



Eden Valley Assumption Fall Dinner—Sunday, October 26th 10:30 am—1:00 pm Roast Beef, Mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, Cole slaw, dinner rolls, pie & beverage. Adults \$12, Children ages 5-12 \$6, 4 & under Free.



NATIONAL
Eucharistic
Revival
DIOCESE OF NEW ULM

"The Body of Christ "AMEN!"

Immediately after the brief prayer of remembrance- the Anamnesis- is the OBLATION or an offering type prayer. (Some say that this is the real "Offertory" at Mass.) Among the prayer phrases said by the priest to listen for at the OBLATION are: "we offer You, O Lord, the Bread of Life and the Chalice of Salvation", "accept them", "these offerings", "we offer You in thanksgiving", or "upon the OBLATION of Your Church". "The Church offers the unblemished sacrificial Victim in the Holy Spirit to the Father. The Church's intention, indeed, is that the faithful not only offer this unblemished sacrificial Victim but also learn to offer their very selves, and so day by day to be brought, through the mediation of Christ, into unity with God and with each other, so that God may at last be all in all." (GIRM 79f)



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 39 weeks old. Lungs are preparing to breathe. Of the 45 generations of cell divisions before adulthood, 41 have already taken place. Only 4 more come before adolescence. 90% of Baby's development has happened in the womb!

St. Anthony Church Project Financials

Remaining Money on Hand: \$223,495.56

Remaining Unpaid Pledges: \$38,373.47

Remaining 1st Phase Exterior Projects: Sacristy Roof & Tuck-pointing

Did you know? That St. Anthony's has a thrift store in their church basement!? The thrift store has been offering bargains on household goods, clothes, home decor and so much more for years! The store is open on Thursdays and Saturdays, 9AM-12PM. In the event that there is a funeral, the thrift store will not be open. They will also take your donations. It's best to drop off your donations during the hours they are open. Please no large items or electronics or things that need to be plugged in.

Request from Ecumen of Litchfield - Ecumen is asking the community for donations of candy for the residents to pass out at the Annual Trick-or-Treat at their building on Friday, Oct 31st. This is a highlight of their month and brings so many opportunities to spark conversation and bring back memories. Candy can be dropped off at the front desk. Questions please contact Mandy Stocker at 320.221.6695.

Red Cross Thank You - The Watkins Red Cross Blood Drive was held on Tuesday, September 16th. The drive was successful. The goal was 45 units of blood, and we met this with 45 units of blood donated. Thank you, donors, you made a difference and helped save lives! We appreciate your caring of others and your dedication. Also, thank you to all our volunteers, who help to set up, register donors, operate the canteen, and help clean up. We could not do the drives without your help. We appreciate your help and dedication. The next blood drive in Watkins is on Tuesday, December 2. Thank you once again, The Watkins Blood Drive Committee.