

SHEPHERD OF SOULS AREA FAITH COMMUNITY



OCTOBER 5, 2025

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



27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you." - Lk 17:5-6

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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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PASTOR'S LETTER

October is Respect Life month. It is a good reminder to help us in our formation of our morals and attitudes each day.

We have probably heard the phrase "from conception to natural death." All human life is given by God and is worth protecting.

We live in a time of polarization. Pope Leo recently said, "The value of human life, of the family, and the value of society. If we lose the sense of those values, what matters anymore?"

The recent killing of Charlie Kirk is a wakeup call to us regarding the importance of dialogue and the need to respect differences. Talking and listening to others takes time and effort, but we dare not abandon these fundamental human tasks and resort to writing others off or worse yet, resorting to violence. For more information go to www.Respectlife.org/respect-life-month.

We observe CCW Sunday on October 12. Thanks for all you do for our parishes and families.

Peace be with you,

Fr. Jeff Horejsi



Greetings from the
School of St. Philip!

Today was a day of joy — we celebrated the halfway point of our marathon goal by wearing pajamas all day! Smiles greeted us as students arrived, each one reminding us how far we've come together.

The **Small Steps, Big Intentions Marathon** is our largest fundraiser and enables us to sustain the ministry of Catholic education in our community. If you've already donated — THANK YOU from the bottom of our hearts! If you haven't yet, would you prayerfully consider supporting us? We can't reach our goal without your generosity.

Let's keep the momentum going — your gift helps shape the future.

Joyfully in Christ,

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

Ready to try Catholic Talk 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 4: 12PM: Holy Mass Daily from the Chapel of the Proclamation at Relevant Radio.



Congratulations to Jake & Brittany Asfeld on the baptism of their children Roxanne Therese Pichotta & Lucille Ida Asfeld at the Church of St. Anthony.

Congratulations to Jason & Christy Louwagie on the baptism of their child Silas Paul Kevin Louwagie at the Church of St. Anthony.

RESPECT
LIFE
SUNDAY

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St Anthony Church Cleaners:

Church Cleaners: September 28-October 11 Flavian & Kathy Kramer, Karen Kramer, Lynn Kramer and Marty & Melvin 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?

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, October 6****Tuesday, October 7**

St. Philip, Litchfield 6:00 pm † MaryJo Edwards
St. Anthony, Watkins 6:00 pm Special Intention

Wednesday, October 8

Hilltop Care Center, Watkins 10:30am † LeRoy Smoley Sr
Our Lady, Manannah 6:45 pm Faith Formation Students

Thursday, October 9

St. John, Darwin 8:00 am † Mike Ackerman
Meeker Manor, Litchfield 10:00 am † John & Margaret Casey Family

Friday, October 10

Our Lady, Manannah 8:00 am † Fran Tintes
St. Philip, Litchfield 8:30 am † Virginia Ourada

Saturday, October 11

St. Philip, Litchfield **4:00 pm Note Time Change** † Carol Huhner

Sunday, October 12

St. Philip, Litchfield 8:00 am † Elmer & Jenny Lies
Our Lady, Manannah 8:00 am CCW Members
St. John, Darwin 10:00 am † Dorothy Schultz
St. Anthony, Watkins 10:00 am CCW Members
St. Philip, Litchfield 12:00 pm (Spanish) People of the Parish

Reminder that on Saturday, October 4th the Saturday Mass at St. Philip will change 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, Pat Aaker, 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 Torbborg, 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, 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, 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, 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: September 28, 2025

OFFERINGS	St. John	Our Lady	St. Philip	St. Anthony
Youth & Children Envelope	\$0.00	\$46.00	\$0.00	\$6.00
Adult Envelope	\$1,105.00	\$1,480.00	\$3,090.00	\$1,910.25
ACH (Auto payment)	\$415.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$745.00
Loose Plate Collection	\$206.00	\$153.00	\$323.00	\$217.00
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERING	\$1,726.00	\$1,779.00	\$3,413.00	\$2,878.25
Weekly Amount needed for budget	\$3,902.00	\$2,501.00	\$10,160.00	\$3,785.00
This Week's Difference	(\$2,176.00)	(\$722.00)	(\$6,747.00)	(\$907.00)
YEAR TO DATE SUNDAY OFFERING	\$40,345.35	\$28,720.00	\$119,972.41	\$44,054.00
Year to Date Budget Needs	\$50,726.00	\$32,513.00	\$132,080.00	\$49,205.00
YEAR TO DATE DIFFERENCE	(\$10,380.65)	(\$3,794.00)	(\$12,107.59)	(\$5,151.00)

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 6

StP 6:00 pm....SP First Communion Parent Meeting
OL 6:30 pm...150th Anniversary Meeting
StA 7:00 pm....KC Meeting

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7

StP 8:30 am...Rosary
StP 9:00 am... Adoration Begins
StP 9:00 am....Mission Quilters
StP 9:00 am....Bible Time
5:45 pm....Benediction
StJ 7:00 pm....KC Meeting
AFC 7:00 pm.... AFC Pastoral Council

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8

StJ 8:30 am...Quilting
School 5:00 pm....School Committee Meeting
StP 5:00 pm....Faith Formation Class Gr 4-6
StJ 5:30 pm....Choir Practice /Adoration
StA 5:45 pm...Family Faith Formation K-6th
StJ 6:30 pm....Faith Formation Class Gr 1-11 & Adult Study
StP 6:30 pmFaith Formation Class Gr 7-11
OL 6:45 pm....Faith Formation Mass & Class Gr 3-11

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

StJ 8:30 am... Coffee & Rolls
StP 12:00 pm....Gaming Committee Meeting
StP 12:30-6:30 pm....Blood Mobile
StA 2:00 pmPlace of Hope Food Ministry
AFC 5:30 pm....Music Meeting

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

StP 8:00 am... Rosary

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

StA 7:30 am....Men's Group @ EV
StA 8:00 am....Women's Group
StP 8:00 am....Band of Brothers Bible Study
StP 8:30 am...Hispanic Ministry Committee Retreat
StJ 11:00 am...Rosary at the Grotto
AFC 5:15 pm.10th Grade AFC Confirmation Orientation

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

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
AFC 6:00 pm...The Chosen Watch Party @ StP



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. John, Friday, October 8

Ed Center, Wed, Oct 8, 5:30 - 7:45 pm

St. Philip, Tuesday, October 7 & 21

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

Everyone is welcome to come and pray!

Do you want to deepen **your personal relationship with Jesus?** Spend some time in His presence reflecting on His love. Consider coming **the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays to St. Philip's church. Come and go anytime between 9:am-6:pm and stay as long as you like.**

Jesus will be displayed on the altar not just in the Tabernacle. He especially needs company between 3:00 to 5:00. Just look at Jesus and let him speak to you. For more info call Ann 612-201-4187



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.**

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation Schedule

St. Philip - Wednesday, October 8

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 8

6:45 pm Faith Formation Family Mass & Class Gr 3-11

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

St. John, Wednesday, October 8

5:30 pm Choir Practice/Adoration

6:00-6:20 pm lite meal

6:30 pm Faith Formation Class Grades 1-11 & Adult Study

Children's Liturgy - Sunday mornings at 10:00 am beginning Sept 7th

St. Anthony, Wednesday, October 8

Oct 8- Family Faith Formation K-6th 5:45-7

AFC Confirmation Class & Orientation - Oct. 5

Our first AFC 11th grade Confirmation class will be Sunday, Oct. 5, 6:30 - 8:00 PM. These monthly classes are for 11th grade candidates and sponsors of St. Philip's, St. John's, and Our Lady. This first class will include a brief orientation session to review the sacramental preparation requirements. Parents do not normally attend these classes, but are asked to be present by 7:30 PM for the orientation component of this first session. It will be held in the St. Philip Social Hall.

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

St. John Adult Fellowship and Faith Formation You are invited to join us!

Goal: Support Our Youth, Know Jesus and Make Him Known

What: Adoration and/or Adult Session Time with Gospel reflection and exploring our "Why?" through discussion and watching a video titled "Who Are You?"

Date: Wed. Oct. 8, 2025

Time: 5:30 - 7:45 pm, Adoration in SJ Ed center Chapel,
6:30 - 7:20 pm, Session time in adult fellowship rm,
6:00 - 6:20 optional dinner with the SJ FF students

Where: St. John's Ed Center

Questions: Call or text Connie 612-387-2686

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.

Confirmation Commitment Sunday - Oct. 12

2nd year (11th grade) Confirmation candidates and their sponsors are asked to attend the Confirmation Commitment Mass on Sunday, Oct. 12th. The purpose of this Mass is to celebrate the candidate's commitment to Confirmation preparation. It is also a chance for the whole parish to embrace and pray for the candidates. Each of the parishes in our AFC will host its own Commitment Mass during the normal Sunday Mass times. If a sponsor is unable to attend, or one has not yet been selected, a parent may fill in for the sponsor.

Youth Night Recap - We had about 20 students come together for our first youth night of the year on September 23rd. We had a blast playing games before and after a delicious dinner. We also had a great opportunity to spend time in Adoration and thanks to Fr. Jeff for helping out and providing the Sacrament of Confession. Sam also gave a talk about being all in for Jesus. Scan the code to listen to that talk.



All are welcome to attend

Pilgrimage

See the holy sites during the Jubilee Year of Hope in New Ulm and Sleepy Eye

Monday October 13, 2025

Schedule

10:00 AM Cathedral of the Holy Trinity (History talk by Msgr. Lozinski, followed by Eucharistic Adoration and confession. (605 N State St, New Ulm)

Noon Lunch in Liefeld Hall served by the Handmaids

1:45 PM Way of the Cross (1500 5th St N, New Ulm)

2:45 PM New Ulm Diocesan Pastoral Center: see Our Lady of the Prairie and pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet (1461 6th St N, New Ulm)

4:00 PM Schoenstatt on the Lake Shrine: pray the rosary (27762 Co Hwy 27, Sleepy Eye) Bring your lawn chair or a blanket.

5:00 PM Church of St. Mary, Help of Christians. History of the church explained by Chris Heiderscheidt (636 1st Ave N, Sleepy Eye)

5:30 PM Mass at the Church of St. Mary (Sleepy Eye)

6:30 PM Confession is available at the Church of St. Mary (Sleepy Eye)

Highlights:

2025 Jubilee Pilgrimage Sites: Cathedral, Schoenstatt Shrine
Other highlights: Historic Way of the Cross, Our Lady of the Prairie, Church of St. Mary Help of Christians

Cost

\$20 per person

Make checks out to: Deanery 3 CCW

Mail check to: Kathy Urban, 140 Ford St, Glencoe, MN 55336

Free will offering for children ages 10 and younger

Register

<https://bit.ly/4kUFq0p>

Register by Oct. 6 2025



Meet at the Cathedral in New Ulm. Please carpool or drive.

Our Lady of Fatima - Chapel of St. Mary, Help of Christians in Sleepy Eye

Chili Luncheon

Wednesday, October 15th
11:00 am-1:00 pm
St. Philip's Church
\$12.00



Quarts available for Purchase

TAKE OUT LARGE ORDERS

Call 693-3313 ext 102 before
10 am



Sponsored by St. Philip's Catholic United Financial Council
Catholic United Financial Council Matching Grant Fund Raising Event

St. Anthony CCW: Our Fall Gathering will be the Pilgrimage to New Ulm and Sleepy Eye. CCW will pay the \$20.00 fee. If you want to go, contact me by Oct. 6, Kathy Erpelding, CCW co-president 764-9303.

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 October 5**. Your generous free-will offering will benefit KC'S programs.

Our Lady Coffee & Rolls— Please join us this **Sunday, October 5** for Coffee & Rolls after Mass in the Parish Center. Come enjoy some fellowship!
St. Theresa's Circle will be serving - if you belong to this circle we ask that you help with serving & clean up.

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY is today, Sun, Oct 5. Our Lady of Manannah is hosting a **BABY SHOWER** in conjunction with the **CCW October Monthly Coffee & Rolls**. **WE invite everyone to join us in the hall after Mass.** We will be collecting baby & mom (Clothing and Items) along with the baby bottle cash donations. There will be Fun "games" and a "prize" for all Sunday School students. The collecting will continue through October & be delivered in the first week of November to ELE-VATE Pregnancy & Family Resource Center in ST Cloud. This Baby Shower project is a USCCB "Walking With Mom's In Need" Project which is recommended by our Bishop Chad Zielinsky, Family Life dnu, & supported by the NUDCCW Judy Haag CCW Rev Life coor

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

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.

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.

Open House Anniversary Celebration - David & Betty Lipinski were married on Oct 15, 1960, at St. Peter's Church in Eden Valley. On Sat, Oct 11 the couple will celebrate 65 years of marriage with a 12:30 pm Mass at the Church of Our Lady, Manannah, followed by a open house reception at the Sportsman's Den, Lake Henry from 2 to 5 pm.

Donations Wanted - Anyone wishing to donate hamburger or give a monetary donation towards the Catholic United Chili Luncheon, please contact Ginny Olberding 612-720-6892 or Mary Geers 320-693-2013 Before Oct 10.

Also looking for large mouth quart jars!

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 Seminarians

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. For any questions please contact Monica Schreiber, Event Coordinator at 320-693-3313 x106. Help us to help those in need this holiday season!

Seeking October 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 **Oct 9, 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.



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.



A Heartfelt Thank You The Family of Eddie Kuechle would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped with the funeral. Most especially to Fr Mike for his pastoral care and the funeral Mass, Keek's for the delicious meal, everyone who brought food and helped serve the meal, the extra ushers who helped at Mass, everyone else who came to celebrate Eddie's life and for all the prayers for the family.

Our Lady Pork Chop Supper Thank You! We had a great day for the Pork Chop Supper! Thank you to all who participated and everyone for their work to make it a successful event! We served 353 meals!!! It was great to see the fellowship. A special Thank you to our chair people Dan & Sheri Schumacher, outdoor decorations Tom & Deb McCann and table decorations Jiggs & DeAnn Rothstein. A big thank you to all who donated raffle prizes and all who sold and purchased tickets. Special thank you to all the workers for your dedication and especially to our youth for coming and working so hard!

Shepherd of Souls AFC Job Opening:
Event Coordinator & School Fundraiser, approximately 15-20 hours a week. Flexible hours. For more information or to submit a resume, contact frjeff@shepherdofsouls.org or 320-221-4120.

Diocesan Ethics Conference 2025 – Saturday, October 11, 2025 The 2025 Diocesan Ethics Conference- Infertility, IVF, Surrogacy and the Family – What guidance does the Church provide?, will instruct, explore and expand our understanding of these topics. It will be a timely look at topics that are in discussion in our churches, our society and in our politics here in Minnesota. It will take place on Sat, Oct 11, 2025, at Schoenstatt on the Lake Retreat Center. Check-in at 8:30 a.m. Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop Chad Zielinski at 9:00 a.m. Closing at 3:30 p.m. For more information and/or to register, visit www.dnu.org/ethicsconference or the QR code.



NATIONAL
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"The Body of Christ "AMEN!

After the Consecration of the bread and wine becomes the Body and Blood of

Christ and the Elevation of the Host and Chalice, the priest genuflects in Adoration. When he rises, he says, "THE MYSTERY OF FAITH." The Priest's words invite one of three responses: "We proclaim Your Death, O Lord, and profess Your Resurrection until You come again" or ; "When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim Your Death, O Lord, until You come again" or; "Save us, Savior of the world, for by Your Cross and Resurrection You have set us free." THE MYSTERY OF FAITH mentions the past, present, and future. We recall the Death of Jesus from the past. In the present, "We profess Your Resurrection" and "You have set us free". And lastly, we anticipate that Jesus is coming again in the future, "until You come again." "The redemptive sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross is of infinite and eternal value." (Eucharistic Revival Part 52)

The Anamnesis is next. The What?!



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 37 weeks old. Baby's Lungs are getting ready to breathe. During these last few weeks in the womb, Baby gains about 1/2 pound per week which is about 1 ounce per day!

"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: Oct 5, 12
(Please Note: October 5th time will be 3:30 to 5:30 pm instead of 6:00 pm)

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.

St. Anthony Church Project Financials

Remaining Money on Hand: \$207,484.29
Remaining Unpaid Pledges: \$41,463.47
Remaining 1st Phase Exterior Projects: Sacristy Roof & Tuck-pointing

Community Blood Drives American Red Cross Blood Drive **Litchfield**– Thursday, October 9, from 12:30-6:30 pm at The Church of St. Philip

The need for blood is crucial and donors of all types are needed. Please consider being a blood donor. To make an appointment, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: Watkins to schedule an appointment, or download the Red Cross Blood Donor app. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are given priority. Remember to bring identification along and complete your Rapid Pass. Thank you for considering giving the gift of life.

SAVE THE DATE

40 BAGS
in 40 days



CHALLENGE

Start saving your no longer needed items now for the annual School of St. Philip rummage sale.

Donate: April 18-23

Sale: April 24 & 25

Accepted items

- Clothes
- Toys
- Books/games/movies
- Home decor

Items not accepted

- Mattresses
- Appliances
- Electronics
- Large furniture



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All proceeds will benefit the School of St. Philip.

Donation and rummage sale location:
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