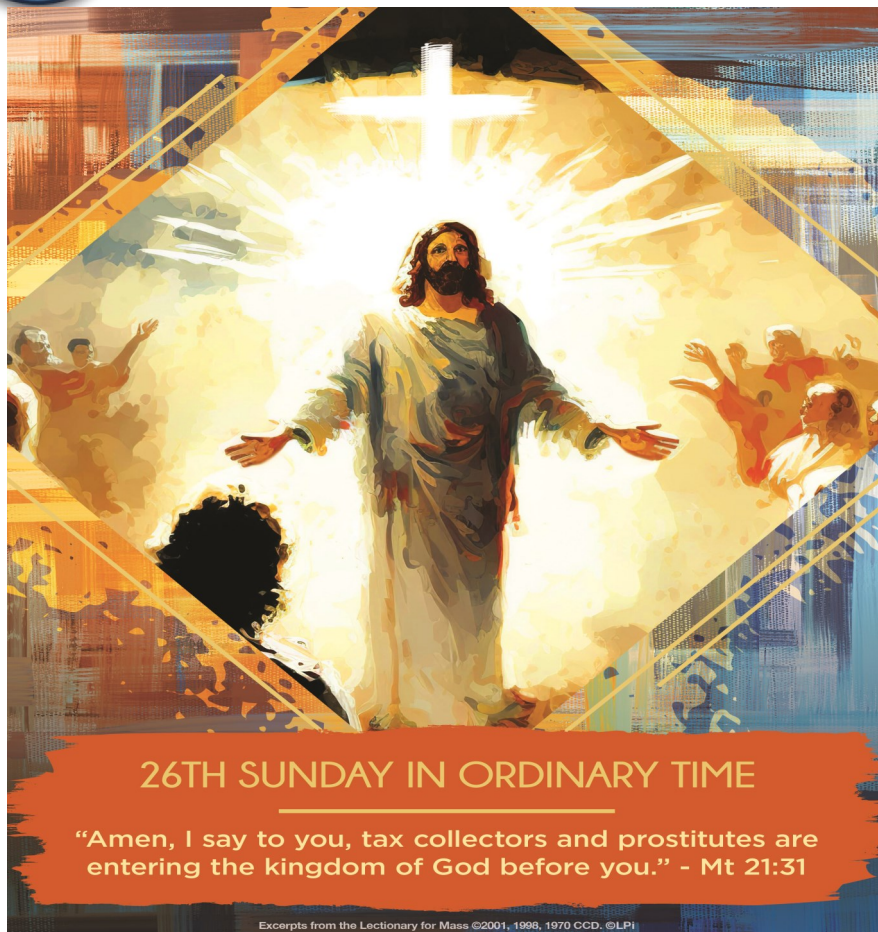


# SHEPHERD OF SOULS AREA FAITH COMMUNITY



## OCTOBER 1, 2023



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you." - Mt 21:31

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### NEW MEMBER REGISTRATION

To register as members of any of our four parishes go to [www.shepherdofsouls.org](http://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.

### AFC MASS SCHEDULE

#### Saturday

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

#### Sunday

St. Philip, Litchfield ..... 8:00am

Our Lady, Manannah ..... 8:00am

St. John, Darwin ..... 10:00am

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

St. Philip, Litchfield (Spanish)

..... 12:00pm

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

#### Saturday

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

#### 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*

### WATKINS CHURCH OF ST ANTHONY

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

### 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

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# WELCOME!

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## OUR STAFF

### PARISH STAFF

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Jerry Moudry, Custodian/Maintenance	693-8900/453-7526

### Parish Staff Church of St. Anthony

Jessica Teicher, Secretary/Bookkeeper	764-2755
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Stephani Donnay-Peters, Asst Faith Formation Coor	453-5765
Sam Mettler, Youth Ministry	764-2755

Bulletin Announcements: Please have your bulletin announcements to Julie at [jschmitz@shepherdsouls.org](mailto:jschmitz@shepherdsouls.org). By noon on Monday. Thank you!

## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

**Baptism** - Call a Priest & Complete Baptism Program

**First Eucharist & Confirmation** - Complete Preparation Program

**Marriage** - Call a Priest or Parish Office 6 months prior to proposed wedding date.

**RCIA** - Call the Parish Office

## PASTOR'S LETTER

Today is Respect Life Sunday, which kicks off Respect Life Month. We consider more deeply why every human life is valuable and reflect on how to build a culture that protects life from conception to natural death. Join Catholics nationwide in celebrating Respect Life Month! [Respectlife.org/celebrate](http://Respectlife.org/celebrate).

I hope and pray that many will sign up for and participate in the ChristLife program in our AFC this year. It is a very good process that challenges all to grow in faith and the ability to share that faith with others.

Starting with the Tuesday evening Mass at St. Anthony on Oct. 3rd, there will be an opportunity for the sacrament of Reconciliation following Mass every-other week.

Please note that the Saturday Mass time moves to 4pm from Oct. 7th--March 23rd. March 30 is the Easter Vigil, so that Mass will be later in the evening.

Our school Marathon is Friday, and all our welcome to the 8:30 am Mass to begin the day.

Peace be with you,

Fr. Jeff Horejsi

Greetings from the  
School of St. Philip!



As I drove into school this morning, our beautiful MN landscape was covered in fog. I know the sun was out there shining but I couldn't see or feel it. It reminded me of life, sometimes the world is speaking so loudly and blanketing our senses that it is hard to see and feel God's light. At those times we need to walk in faith, knowing God is all around us even though we can't see His light. This is one of the many things we try to impart on our students at the School of St. Philip, daily prayer and discussion help us to understand that God is with us each and everyday and wants to be part of our lives. A basic message but so very important!

We are in our last week of the Marathon. For those that have already given prayer intentions and pledges to our students—Thank you! To those who have yet to support our marathon please prayerfully consider giving. Your gifts allow us to offer a unique educational program that allows each child to grow in mind, body, and spirit.

Blessings, Andrea Dietrich  
School of St. Philip - Principal

# MASSES & INTENTIONS

## **St Anthony Church Cleaners:**

Church Cleaners: September 24-October 7: Robert & Mary Gross, Nick & Ann Gross, Holly & Lincoln Haugen and Jason & Colleen Glenz and Families Call Theresa at 764-7251 to unlock.

## **St Anthony Mass Ministries, Sun, 10 am**

Lector - Kelly Meierhofer/Amie Vetsch

EM- Theresa Faber

MS - Olivia & Eddie Kramer

Ushers - Norb Kramer, Andy

Vetsch, Mike Erpelding & Eric

Schmitt

Rosary Leader- TBD

Children Liturgy - Heidi & Erin

Hospitality - Emily Piccerillo &

Margi Schreifels

Coffee & Donuts - TBD

**Reminder that Saturday  
Mass Time Change starts  
on Saturday, October 7.  
Mass at St. Philip's will  
be at 4:00 pm instead of  
5:00 pm.**

## **MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS**

### **Monday, October 2**

No Mass

### **Tuesday, October 3**

St Anthony, Watkins 6:00 pm ..... † Gabriel Elias

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

### **Wednesday, October 4**

Hilltop Care Center, Watkins 10:30 am ..... † Fr. Richard Gross

St. Philip, Litchfield 6:30 pm Family Mass ..... Faith Formation Students

### **Thursday, October 5**

St. John, Darwin 8:00 am ..... † Shelley O'Leary

Bethany, Litchfield 9:00 am ..... † Ed Konietzko

### **Friday, October 6**

Our Lady, Manannah 8:00 am ..... † Kathy Poepping

St. Philip, Litchfield 8:30 am ..... † Lawrence & Peggy Ebert

### **Saturday, October 7**

St. Philip, Litchfield **4:00 pm (Note Time Change)** ..... † Mark Gabrielson

### **Sunday, October 8**

St. Philip, Litchfield 8:00 am ..... Roger Goraczowski

Our Lady, Manannah 8:00 am ..... CCW Members

St. John, Darwin 10:00 am ..... People of the Parish

St. Anthony, Watkins 10:00 am ..... CCW Members

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, Beckie Schaefer, Dan Curran, Fran Tintes, Jasper Kargas, Antonio Franco, Sylvia Johnson, Jon Laney, Jan Paulson, Jordan Munson, Robin, Caitlin Pitts, Karen Marsh, Shirley Buck, Mary Knutson, Tim Kapperman, Kay Grams, Philip Johnson, Dale Andersen, Darlene Putney, Addie Fairbairn, Carol Huhner, Peg Shaw, Roberta Meyer, Jeremy Munson, Carole Becker, Jim Knott, Virginia Ourada, Marge Hanson, Pat Aaker, Jodi Henricksen Winkles, Summer Franco, Florence Rezek, Cordelia Lewandoski, Julie Eck, Pat Munson, Jeremy Munson, Larry Hoffman. Prayer Line phone number 593-8944.

**OL:** Prayer Line: Mary Kalkbrenner, Nancy Haag, George Pfeffer, Dolores Wiechmann, McKenzie Knisley Family, Mary Hansen, Josephine Valiant, Berkley Johnson, Rosie Boyer, Art Haag, Tom Koenig. Prayer line phone number 693-8900.

**St.J:** Ednel Diedrich, Susan Hummel, Alivia Hemsworth, Amber Walker, Alec McLean, Marlys Roehl, Luis Larios, Troy Kotila, Kim (Elke) Jack, Raylan Russel, Kathy Thissen, Patrick Ecklund, Jacob Schmitz, Kathy Eggert, Mary Jo Edwards, Janice Crowe, Lori Ficker, Judy Haverkamp, Wes Edwards, Jessee Steuck, Clarence Vorlicek, Mary Levinski, Phyllis Levno, Dale LaPlante, Reiden Cichoska, Tony & Lena Marelic, Betsy Wright, Helana Posusta. Prayer Line Phone Number 693-9496.

**St.A:** The Jackie Boulton Family, Ron Welle, the Ley Family, Ellen Libbesmeier, Carol Huberty, Tom Huberty and Patrice Canfield, Joyce Manske. 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: Sept. 24, 2023				
OFFERINGS	St. John	Our Lady	St. Philip	St. Anthony
Youth & Children Envelope	\$0.00	\$33.00	\$0.00	\$6.00
Adult Envelope	\$2,072.00	\$1,260.00	\$3,443.00	\$1,880.00
ACH (Auto payment)	\$0.00	\$220.00	\$0.00	\$700.00
Loose Plate Collection	\$263.00	\$267.00	\$791.74	\$338.00
<b>TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERING</b>	<b>\$2,335.00</b>	<b>\$1,780.00</b>	<b>\$4,234.74</b>	<b>\$2,924.00</b>
Weekly Amount needed for budget	\$3,726.00	\$2,216.00	\$8,365.33	\$3,077.00
<b>This Week's Difference</b>	<b>(\$1,391.00)</b>	<b>(\$436.00)</b>	<b>(\$4,130.59)</b>	<b>(\$153.00)</b>
YEAR TO DATE SUNDAY OFFERING	\$39,102.25	\$24,679.00	\$104,158.48	\$43,461.00
Year to Date Budget Needs	\$48,438.00	\$28,808.00	\$108,749.29	\$40,001.00
<b>YEAR TO DATE DIFFERENCE</b>	<b>(\$9,335.75)</b>	<b>(\$4,130.00)</b>	<b>(\$4,590.81)</b>	<b>\$3,460.00</b>

*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 2

#### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3

StP 8:30 am....Rosary  
 StP 9:00 am....Bible Time  
 StP 9:00 am....Mission Quilters  
 StP 9:00 am.. Adoration Begins  
 StP 5:45 pm.... Benediction  
 StA 6:30 pm... Book Study  
 AFC 7:00 pm Area Pastoral Council Meeting @StP  
 StJ 7:00 pm... KC Meeting

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

StJ 8:30 am....Quilting  
 StA 6:30 pm.....Faith Formation Gr 7 -10  
 StJ 6:30 pm .....Faith Formation Gr K-11  
 StP 6:30 pm .....Faith Formation Family Mass  
 OL 6:30 pm.....Faith Formation Meal & 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 3 & 17

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

#### Our Lady, Friday October 6

7:00 am Adoration Begins, 8:00 am Benediction

#### St. John, Friday, October 6

1:00 pm Adoration Begins, 7:00 pm Benediction

Everyone is welcome to come and pray!

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

AFC 2:00 pm ... All Staff Meeting @StP  
 StJ 6:00 pm... Cemetery Committee Meeting  
 StP 6:30 pm Music Committee Meeting

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

OL 7:00 am.... Adoration Begins  
 OL 8:00 am... Benediction  
 StP 8:00 am....Rosary  
 StJ 1:00 pm .... Adoration Begins  
 StA 6:00 pm Community Rosary/Potluck  
 StJ 7:00 pm....Benediction

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

StA 7:30 am....Men's Group @EV  
 AFC 9:00 am.... Coffee Talk @StP

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

OL 8:45 am .... OL Sunday School  
 StP 11:30 am..... Spanish Rosary  
 AFC 6:00 pm..... Discovering Christ @ StP

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK- OCTOBER 1

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, (6a)/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32  
 Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Mt 18:1-5, 10  
 Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 9:51-56  
 Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Lk 9:57-62  
 Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Lk 10:1-12  
 Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Lk 10:13-16  
 Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37/Lk 10:17-24  
 Next Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 (Isaiah 5:7a)/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

# FAITH FORMATION

## St. Anthony Faith Formation Schedule

Oct 4 - Classes for 7th-10th gr 6:30-8pm

Oct 11 - Family Faith Formation (K-6th Grade w/ parents) 5:45-7:45pm

Oct 18 - No Classes - MEA Break

Oct 25 - Classes for 7th-10th graders 6:30-8pm

Class for 11th grade w/parent(s) 6:30-8pm

**Youth Night**- The next Youth Night October 16th at Assumption. After a great showing of 35-40 students at our last youth night, I'm excited to see what our October night will bring us! October 16th at Assumption in Eden Valley from 6:45pm-8:15pm is our next youth night. We will have an outdoor or indoor large group game, snacks, a guest speaker, and Adoration! Any feedback on all aspects of youth night is appreciated and can be sent to [evvyouthministry@gmail.com](mailto:evvyouthministry@gmail.com).

## **National Eucharistic Congress Youth**

**Trip** - Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis for Assumption/St. Anthony and the Diocese of New Ulm taking place July 16th-22nd for current 8-12th graders. There's only about 25 spots of my reserved portion available! More details to come, please reach out to Sam with questions: [evvyouthministry@gmail.com](mailto:evvyouthministry@gmail.com).

## **Faith Formation Schedule for this week**

### **St. Philip—Wed, Oct 4**

6:30 pm Faith Formation Family Mass

**Sunday School**—for Preschool- Gr 3 meet every other Sunday 9:15-10:15

### **Our Lady - Wed, Oct 4**

6:30 pm Faith Formation meal followed by Class Gr 3-11

**Sunday School**—Preschool to Gr 2 after Communion until 9:45 am

### **St. John - Wed, Oct 4**

6:30 pm Faith Formation Class Gr K-10

### **St. Anthony - Wed, Oct 4**

Classes for 7th-10th gr 6:30-8pm



## **Baptized in Christ .**

Congratulations to Jorge Martinez Ramirez & Jaqueline Arauz Castillo as they baptize their child Steven Martinez Arauz at the Church of St. Philip.

## **October Family Faith Formation Speaker**

All are invited and welcome to join our Family Formation Program Night on Wednesday, October 11th. This month's Speaker is Father Jeff speaking on the topic of "Where Heaven and Earth Meet (Overview of the Mass)". The speaker portion of the night begins at roughly 6:15pm and lasts roughly 30 minutes. After the speaker there could be time for Q&A or small group discussion which you are welcome to stay for as well. If you have any questions you may call the office at 453-5765.

## **Shepherd of Souls Young Adult Group**

We are a young adult group who meet to grow our faith and share the love of God! We will play games, have snacks, do service projects, and have worship nights! Bring your friends ages 17+. We hope to see you there! Upcoming meeting on September 25th at 6PM at the St. John's Ed Center. Contact Hayle Hurley for more information at 763-600-2310.

**Volunteers Needed** - St. Philip's is looking for a group or a few individuals that would be interested in helping Ecumen with their May Birthday Party for their residents. Each month churches in the areas have been hosting this event for the Ecumen Residents. Geri Buresh has been one of our faith organizers and would like to pass the this on to a new group of people. If you would like to do this please let Brenda at St. P office know. If you have any questions about what is all expected/required, please contact Geri.

## **St. Philip's "Building Disciples, Sharing Gifts" Program**

Over the next few weeks, you will be hearing about the upcoming "Building Disciples, Sharing Gifts" Program at Church of St. Philip . This effort is very important as we move forward with the mission and vision of Church of St. Philip . We, as a parish family, have changed so many lives in our community! In order to continue our mission and ministries, we encourage all parishioners to spend time in prayer and discussion with your family reflecting on the work we do. Our special Commitment Weekend will be celebrated on October 21 & 22. If you have any questions regarding the "Building Disciples, Sharing Gifts" Program, please feel free to contact the parish office.



Our Condolences to the Family of Mike Ackerman. May Mike rest in eternal peace. The obituary can be found at [www.swansonpeterson.com](http://www.swansonpeterson.com)

## **Community Rosary & Potluck**

Join us on Friday, October 6th @ 6:00 PM at the Gary & Theresa Branstner Residence (21067 Elkview Circle, Richmond). Bring the family, your rosary, a dish to share, and a chair. Families & individuals of all ages are invited!



NATIONAL  
**Eucharistic  
Revival**  
DIOCESE OF NEW ULM

**"The Body of  
Christ"**

**AMEN!**

The Catechism of the Catholic Church is the official collection of all that the Catholic Church teaches on faith and morals. The CCC states that the "Sacraments are 'powers that come forth' from the Body of Christ, which is ever-living and life-giving. They are actions of the Holy Spirit at work in the Church. They are 'the masterworks of God' the Father in the new and everlasting covenant." Sacraments are outward signs instituted by Christ to give grace. What are the 7 Sacraments of the Catholic Church?

### **St. John KC Pancake Breakfast**

The James A. Hansen Knights of Columbus invite you to a pancake breakfast at St. John's following the 10:00 am Mass on Sunday October 1.



### **Women's Area Faith Coffee Talk**

**Saturday, October 7, 2023, 9:00 am**

Church of St. Philip Social Hall

Speaker - Kris Cleveland

Assistant Professor/Physical Therapist/  
Director of Wellness & Human Performance  
Center Southwest MN State University



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

Bring your friends and your favorite coffee mug!

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# Chili Luncheon



**Tuesday, Oct 10,**

11:30am—1:30 pm

at St. Philip's Church

\$10.00

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call 693-3313 ext 102  
before 10 am

Sponsored by St. Philip's Catholic United Financial Council  
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**Tickets to the**  
National Eucharistic Congress

**2024** July 17 - 21  
Indianapolis, IN

For more info go to: [eucharisticrevival.org](http://eucharisticrevival.org) Or: [dnu.org](http://dnu.org)  
eucharistic revival

Discounted adult tickets to the National Eucharistic Congress are now available to purchase from the Diocese of New Ulm. You are invited to consider joining thousands of Catholics in bearing witness to our belief of Jesus' real presence in the Eucharist and be sent out as Eucharistic missionaries! For any questions regarding registration or the Congress itself, please visit [www.dnu.org/2024necregistration](http://www.dnu.org/2024necregistration) or email [cbaker@dnu.org](mailto:cbaker@dnu.org).

### **OUR LADY COFFEE & ROLLS**

- Join us on Sunday, Oct. 1 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 and cleanup.

**Respect Life Sunday Baby Shower** - We will have a Baby Shower at the Coffee & Rolls after Mass on Sunday, Oct 1., with games & prizes, Celebrating the birth of our Spiritual Adopted babies from last January, we will be collecting baby & mom items in the Parish Center. All donations & cash will be donated to ELEVATE Pregnancy & Family Resource Center in St. Cloud. Please consider donating: Pampers Newborn Diapers, Outfits, newborn onesies, etc or cash that will be used to purchase a Car Seat.

### **How Can You Be a Voice for LIFE in Minnesota?**

All are welcome to "Save the 12,000" Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life Meeting Tuesday, October 10th, 7 - 8:15 pm Church of St. Philip, 821 East 5th Street, Litchfield, MN 55355

MCCL will: \* provide a packet of helpful materials, \* update attendees about the extremism of Minnesota's current laws, \* provide pro-lifers with the tools for confident and effective persuasion, \* lay out practical steps that can help save lives.

The pro-life message—grounded in scientific fact, committed to human rights for all, and drenched in love for mother and child—is true and compelling.

### **Ecumen Hospice Grief Support Group**

DATES: First Wednesday of the Month\* —Oct. 4th, Nov. 1st, Dec. 6th \*Feel free to come to one or all sessions

TIME: 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

WHERE: Ecumen Litchfield — Chapel ADDRESS: 200 N Holcombe Ave. Litchfield, MN





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 371 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 with their parents and working so hard!

**Blood Ministry** - The Kingston Lions are sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive at the Kingston Community Center during the afternoon of Tuesday, October 17, 2023. The community Center is located at 30840 722nd Avenue in Kingston (South of County Road 27 and East of Minnesota Highway 15). Please call 1-800 733-2767 to schedule your appointment.



**Blood Drive Thank You** -The Watkins Blood Drive Committee would like to thank all the donors at the drive on September 19. It was wonderful to see familiar faces, two first time givers and walk-ins. Your donation will help fulfill the urgent need for patients in our and other communities. You made a difference. Thank you to the Church of St. Anthony for the use of their facility. Thanks to all community members who helped in any way before, during, and after the drive. The next drive in Watkins is during the holidays, December 26 from 12-6 pm. Consider giving another gift-the gift of life through a blood donation. The drive is open for you to schedule your appointment.



Thank you so much for all the care and concern for me before and after my surgery. I greatly appreciated your prayers and caring thoughts while I was in the hospital and now back home. It meant so much to me that you would take the time to send a card, text, or phone call. Your kind words and prayers really made a difference. Thank you again for your thoughtfulness and your friendship. Blessings to all of you! *Rosemary Eischens*



### ChristLife: Discovering Christ

Life can be overwhelming and busy. Are you searching for a way to slow down and consider what it's all about? Is it even possible to find your purpose and be fulfilled?

#### *you're invited to Discover Christ!*

Who: YOU! And anyone who is 18+, curious, and wants more.

What: Dinner, video teaching, small group discussion, and fun!

When: 7 Sundays: October 8 - November 26, 6:00-8:30 + 1 Saturday retreat

Where: St. Philip's Catholic Church, Litchfield, MN

Why? Because you are worth it! No fee, no homework, no reading, no studying, no pressure. Jesus wants to meet you as you are.

Registration deadline: October 1, 2023

Registration Form—Cut out, complete and return to church collection basket

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Parish \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Would you use Childcare? Yes No