

# SHEPHERD OF SOULS AREA FAITH COMMUNITY



**OCTOBER 8, 2023**



## 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit.” - Mt 21:43

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| AFC MASS SCHEDULE                |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| <b>Saturday</b>                  |         |
| St. Philip, Litchfield .....     | 4:00pm  |
| <b>Sunday</b>                    |         |
| 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

|                   |                           |
|-------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Saturday</b>   |                           |
| St. Philip .....  | 3:15pm-3:45pm             |
| <b>Thursday</b>   |                           |
| St. John .....    | After 8:00am Mass         |
| St. Anthony ..... | After 8:30am Mass         |
|                   | (3rd, 4th & 5th Thursday) |
| <b>Friday</b>     |                           |
| 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](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.

## 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  
320-693-9496 | 320-275-2915

## MANANNAH CHURCH OF OUR LADY

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

# WELCOME!

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## OUR STAFF

### PARISH STAFF

|                                          |                                                      |
|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| Fr. Jeff Horejsi, Pastor AFC,            | 693-3313, ext. 101 Office<br>320-221-4120 Cell Phone |
| Fr. Mike Doyle, Sr Associate Pastor AFC, | 693-3313, ext 108 Office<br>320-808-6847 Cell Phone  |
| Deacon Roger Osborne                     | 320-894-8618                                         |
| Deacon John Hansen                       | 320-221-4987                                         |
| Deacon Phil Henneman                     | 763-220-2549                                         |

### PARISH STAFF ST. PHILIP'S

|                                            |                   |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Brenda Grates, Parish Administrator,       | 693-3313 Ext. 100 |
| Andrea Dietrich, School Principal          | 693-6283          |
| Mary Roers, School Secretary               | 693-6283          |
| Karen Kulzer, DRE: Preschool - Grade 5     | 693-3313 Ext. 104 |
| Nathan Stewart, Gr 6-11, AFC Confirmation  | 693-3313 Ext 109  |
| Dave Eischens, Maintenance                 | 320-221-1045      |
| Julie Schmitz, Secretary (Wed)             | 693-3313 ext. 107 |
| Monica Schreiber, Event Coordinator        | 693-3313 Ext 106  |
| Judy Dunbar, AFC Time & Talent Coordinator | 693-3313 Ext 105  |
| Church Kitchen                             | 693-3313 Ext. 102 |

### PARISH STAFF ST. JOHN'S

|                                              |                   |
|----------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Julie Schmitz Secretary (Tue & Thu)          | 693-9496/275-2915 |
| Karin Colberg, Bookkeeper                    | 320-221-0267      |
| Deacon John Hansen, Religious Ed Coordinator | 320-221-498       |
| St. John's Education Center                  | 320-286-2800      |

### PARISH STAFF CHURCH OF OUR LADY

|                                             |                   |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Julie Schmitz, Parish Secretary (Mon & Fri) | 693-8900/453-7526 |
| Deb McCann, Faith Formation Coordinator     | 693-8900/453-7526 |
| Jerry Moudry, Custodian/Maintenance         | 693-8900/453-7526 |

### Parish Staff Church of St. Anthony

|                                                   |          |
|---------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Jessica Teicher, Secretary/Bookkeeper             | 764-2755 |
| Bonnie Meyer, Faith Formation Coordinator         | 453-5765 |
| 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

We continue to observe 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. .

I'm looking forward to the Chili Luncheon on Tuesday at St. Philip from 11:30--1:30.

Next weekend we invite our Confirmation Candidates to publicly commit to the process of preparation for this special sacrament. Let us pray for them.

Those who have expressed interest in serving on our Eucharistic Revival Core team and any others who would like to come are invited to a meeting for our AFC on Thursday, October 26 at 7 pm at St. Philip's Social Hall.

Thanks to all families and businesses that helped to make our school Marathon a success.

For those who need a bus ride to church in Litchfield on Saturday, please call CCT at 693-7794 by Thursday.

Peace be with you,  
Fr. Jeff Horejsi

Greetings from the  
School of St. Philip!



Each of our school days start in a similar way. Children are greeted at the door and offered breakfast. Students then go to their classrooms where attendance and lunch count is taken. After that we gather for an all-school flag ceremony and truly begin our day. We honor our country, we pray for others, and we open our hearts to God's call for us. Most days, this is all by 8:20 and so we begin to engage our minds for the day. I'm sharing this with you to enable you to see some of what makes the School of St. Philip so special. We start activating mind, body and Spirit immediately---and it continues through the course of the day. We pray together, take joy in learning together, eat and play together. It is a wonderful place to spend the day. Thank you for supporting the School of St. Philip and making this all possible!

Blessings, Andrea Dietrich  
School of St. Philip - Principal  
320-593-4774/[adietrich@schoolofstphilip.org](mailto:adietrich@schoolofstphilip.org)

# MASSES & INTENTIONS

## **St Anthony Church Cleaners:**

Church Cleaners: October 8-21:  
Scott & Tracey Geislinger, Mark &  
Roxy Geislinger, Tom & Deb  
Geislinger and Todd & Kathy  
Geislinger and families. Call  
Theresa at 764-7251 to unlock.

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

Lector - Chad Dockendorf/Mary  
Ann Hesse  
EM- Ruth Geislinger  
MS - Timmy and Ryan Donnay  
Ushers - Chad Huberty, Ryan  
Steichen, Jason Louwagie & Ralph  
Vossen  
Rosary Leader- Lori Dockendorf  
Children Liturgy - Amanda & Misty  
Hospitality - Rich & MaryAnn Hesse  
Coffee & Donuts - Mindy Heinen

**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 9**

No Mass

### **Tuesday, October 10**

St Anthony, Watkins 6:00 pm ..... † Daniel Dockendorf

St Philip, Litchfield 6:00 pm ..... No Mass

### **Wednesday, October 11**

Hilltop Care Center, Watkins 10:30 am ..... † Iris Donnay

Our Lady, Manannah 7:00 pm Family Mass ... Faith Formation Students

### **Thursday, October 12**

St. John, Darwin 8:00 am ..... † Chris Hansen

Meeker Manor, Litchfield 10:00 am ..... † Ann Nonweiler

### **Friday, October 13**

Our Lady, Manannah 8:00 am ..... No Mass

St. Philip, Litchfield 8:30 am ..... † Philip Buschette

### **Saturday, October 14**

St. Philip, Litchfield 4:00 pm ..... † Rick Fischer

### **Sunday, October 15**

St. Philip, Litchfield 8:00 am ..... † Jim Lies

Our Lady, Manannah 8:00 am ..... † Krista Harms

St. John, Darwin 10:00 am ..... † Dorothy Schultz

St. Anthony, Watkins 10:00 am ..... † Lorraine Heinen

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: October 1, 2023

| OFFERINGS                       | St. John            | Our Lady            | St. Philip          | St. Anthony       |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Youth & Children Envelope       | \$0.00              | \$23.25             | \$0.00              | \$0.00            |
| Adult Envelope                  | \$2,257.00          | \$1,550.00          | \$7,009.00          | \$2,810.00        |
| ACH (Auto payment)              | \$870.00            | \$0.00              | \$985.00            | \$700.00          |
| Loose Plate Collection          | \$199.50            | \$189.00            | \$726.00            | \$212.00          |
| <b>TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERING</b>    | <b>\$3,326.50</b>   | <b>\$1,762.25</b>   | <b>\$8,720.00</b>   | <b>\$3,722.00</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>(\$399.50)</b>   | <b>(\$453.75)</b>   | <b>\$354.67</b>     | <b>\$645.00</b>   |
| YEAR TO DATE SUNDAY OFFERING    | \$42,428.75         | \$26,441.00         | \$112,878.48        | \$47,183.00       |
| Year to Date Budget Needs       | \$52,164.00         | \$31,8024.00        | \$117,114.62        | \$41,05.00        |
| <b>YEAR TO DATE DIFFERENCE</b>  | <b>(\$9,735.25)</b> | <b>(\$4,583.00)</b> | <b>(\$4,236.14)</b> | <b>\$4,105.00</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 9

OL 1:00 pm.. Quilting  
StP 6:00 pm.... Pietra-Mat

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

StP 8:30 am....Rosary  
StP 9:00 am....Bible Time  
StP 9:00 am....Mission Quilters  
StP 11:30 am.... Chili Luncheon  
StA 6:30 pm... Book Study  
StA 6:30 pm.... Parish Administrative Meeting  
StP 7:00 pm .... Meeker MCCL Meeting  
StP 7:00 pm... KC Meeting

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

StJ 8:30 am....Quilting  
School 5:00 pm..... School Committee Meeting  
StP 5:00 pm ..... Faith Formation Gr 4-6  
StA 5:45 pm.....Faith Formation Gr K-6th w/Parents  
StJ 6:30 pm .....Faith Formation Gr K-11  
StP 6:30 pm .....Faith Formation Gr 7-11  
OL 6:30 pm.....Faith Formation Mass & Class Gr 3-11

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

StP 12:00 pm ... Gaming Committee Meeting  
StP 6:30 pm ....Music Committee Meeting  
StP 6:30 pm ....Parish Administrative Council Meeting

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

StP 8:00 am....Rosary

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

StA 7:30 am....Men's Group @EV  
StA 8:00 am.... Women's Group  
StP 8:00 am.... Band of Brothers Bible Study  
StJ 11:00 am ... Fatima Rosary @ StJ Grotto  
OL 4:00 pm... Wedding of Laura Shoutz & Jordan Niece

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

OL 8:45 am .... OL Sunday School  
StP 9:15 am ... StP Sunday School  
StP 11:30 am..... Spanish Rosary  
AFC 6:00 pm..... Discovering Christ @ 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. Philip, Tuesday, October 17

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

Everyone is welcome to come and pray!

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK- OCTOBER 8

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  
Monday: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37  
Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/ Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8/Lk 10:38-42  
Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4  
Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:5-13  
Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9/Lk 11:15-26  
Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Lk 11:27-28  
Next Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (6cd)/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

# FAITH FORMATION

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

### **St. Philip—Wed, Oct 11**

5:00 pm Faith Formation Class Gr 4-6

6:00 pm Faith Formation meal & fellowship

6:30 pm Faith Formation Class Gr 7-11

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

### **Our Lady - Wed, Oct 11**

6:45 pm Faith Formation Mass followed by Class Gr 3-11

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

### **St. John - Wed, Oct 11**

6:30 pm Faith Formation Class Gr K-10

### **St. Anthony - Wed, Oct 11**

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

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

Nov 1 - All Saints Day - No Class - Attend Mass as a family

**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).



### **Baptized in Christ .**

Congratulations to Brandon & Laura McCann as they baptize their child Oliver Kenneth McCann at the Church of Our Lady.

**Knights of Columbus Donation** - Thank you to the St Damien Council Knights of Columbus for their recent donation of \$250 for St. Anthony's religious education program. These are a portion of the proceeds from their summer burger stand. Thank you also to everyone who visited the stand!

## **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.

## **Confirmation Commitment Sunday**

Confirmation students (11th Graders) from the Shepherd of Souls AFC and Eden Valley will be receiving a blessing at Commitment Sunday on Sunday, October 15th. Each parish in the AFC will host its own Commitment Mass at their usual Sunday Mass times.



Commitment Sunday is an acknowledgement to the community that these students are prepared to continue on their journey to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this coming May. It is ALSO the acknowledgement from the church community that we are here supporting them with our prayers.

We ask all Shepherd of Souls parishioners to pray for our Confirmation candidates as they continue along their faith journey and sacramental preparation!

## **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 October 9th 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. Anthony Fall Festival Financials:** There are still a few pending bills, but it is looking like this years' festival was the best year yet with an estimated profit of just over \$31,000! This is almost \$4000 better than last year. Thank you to our wonderful and dedicated festival committee and our parishioners for their support of the parish.



NATIONAL  
**Eucharistic  
Revival**  
DIOCESE OF NEW ULM

## "The Body of Christ"

# AMEN!

"Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist are Sacraments of Christian initiation. They ground the common vocation of all Christ's disciples, a vocation to holiness and to the mission of evangelizing the world." "They confer the graces needed."

Penance and Anointing of the Sick are Sacraments of Healing. "The Lord Jesus Christ, Physician of our souls and bodies, has willed that His Church continue, in the power of the Holy Spirit, His work of healing and salvation" through these two sacraments.

"Holy Orders and Matrimony are directed towards the salvation of others, as well to personal salvation. They confer a particular mission in the Church and serve to build up the People of God."

***How many of the 7 sacraments have you received so far?***

**TURKEY DINNER!  
DINE IN OR TO-GO!**



### THE CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP

821 E. 5th Street Litchfield

**Saturday, October 28th**

**4:00-7:00 p.m.**

Turkey, mashed potatoes & gravy,  
stuffing, squash, green beans, cranber-  
ries, dinner roll and dessert!

Adults \$15.00

Children \$8.00 (6 and under).



## Chili Luncheon

**Tuesday, Oct 10,**

11:30am—1:30 pm  
at St. Philip's Church

**\$10.00**



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



For more info go to: eu-  
charisticrevival.org  
Or: [dnu.org/eucharisticrevival](http://dnu.org/eucharisticrevival)

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).



**St Anthony Luminaries for loved ones** - As Catholics, our faith teaches us to pray for the dead. Lighting a luminary in honor of a loved one for All Souls Day is a beautiful way to remember deceased loved ones and pray for them. If you would like to remember a loved one with a dedicated luminary placed in the Church of St Anthony's cemetery for All Souls Day, check out the table in the handicap addition after Sunday mass for information and order forms. Luminaries are \$5 each. You will have the opportunity to place it in person, or have someone place it in the cemetery for you. The deadline to order a luminary is October 22nd. Also, if you are interested in helping with **Luminaries for Loved Ones**, please contact Tammy Winter 320 980 1946. **Luminaries for Loved Ones** is sponsored by St Anthony's CCW.

### **Letter sent to former members of St. Gertrude, Forest City**

We want to update everyone about what is happening with the buildings of St. Gertrude at Forest City. Since merging with the Church of St. Philip in 2017, the administrative council has studied numerous options for what to do with St. Gertrude. This spring, the council decided to have a controlled burn of the church and a meeting was held with former parishioners. Upon hearing opposition to this plan, bids were obtained to take the church down and to remove its basement. At the September meeting, the council approved a bid proposal by Toutges Brothers. Prior to the church being taken down, an asbestos inspection must occur, and once it is completed, demolition can proceed. The results of the inspection could affect the timing of the removal of the church this fall. Once it has been removed, the rectory and empty church lot will be put up for sale, likely next year. Minor repairs and clean up of the house and grounds will occur prior to placing them on the market. Funds obtained from the sale will be placed within the St. Gertrude Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds.

There will be a Memory Garden designed and placed in St. Gertrude's Cemetery sometime next year. It will be a low maintenance design on a cement slab. (Shaw Bench, Annv. Rock, Metal Crucifix, Bell and possibly other items).

The Stained Glass windows are being saved and sold to parishioners. There is a cost to remove the window if you want the whole window plus free will donation. \*\* We have someone who will make a smaller item with pieces of the stained glass windows. Any inquiry on windows let Bruce or Mary know.

On Saturday, October 14 from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., all are invited to come to St. Gertrude to visit and take any remaining items. Please note that some of these things may require a sealed bid. Questions pertaining to the list may be directed toward Mary Knisley (320)221-1671 (text message preferred) or Bruce Kiehn (320)221-2213.



**Council of Catholic Women** - Today, Council of Catholic Women Recognition Sunday we recognize all ladies involved with the Council of Catholic Women and celebrate them for their leadership and activities for our Shepherd of Souls AFC through the Spirituality, Service, Leadership, Legislation, Reverence Life, Scholarship and Historian committees. It's a way to thank them for all they do on the parish level and beyond. At St. Anthony because Our Lady of Good Counsel is our Patroness, there are two lit candles on her altar, one is in memory of our deceased members and one is for the intentions of our current members. Thank you ladies for all you do for the Council of Catholic Women and for our parishes.

**Wedding Mass for Heidi & Cal** - We invite the church community to our Nuptial Mass at 3 PM on Friday, October 27, 2023 at the church of Saint Anthony in Watkins. Thank you for praying for us as we prepare for marriage! May God bless you, Heidi Geislinger and Cal Dollerschell

**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.

**Fatima Rosary Rally** - Please join us on Saturday October 14 @ 11 am in Darwin at St John's Mary Grotto (if inclement weather we will pray in the church) All are welcome to join us as we pray the rosary and Fatima prayer

### **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 Thanksgiving. So help some of our local neighbors stay warm by donating winter coats which will be distributed locally. Thank you!

**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.

### **40 Days For Life—St Cloud Sept 27–Nov 5, 2023**

As we move into the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of 40 Days For Life, keep in mind that as you PRAY, FAST & perhaps walk peacefully at the St Cloud Vigil in front of the planned parenthood Abortion Center, you are in solidarity with participants around the world, working to defend the Unborn. Check out [www.40daysforlife.com/stcloud](http://www.40daysforlife.com/stcloud) to sign up to receive daily updates & prayers and find out the amazing stories of babies being saved already this campaign. This is a world-wide movement with over 681 cities signed up to do this Fall Campaign. It was started in 2007 & grows in numbers of participants every campaign. Contact Judy Haag 320-453-7592 [judy4life@meltel.net](mailto:judy4life@meltel.net) for more info or to ride with me to St Cloud to participate in the Prayer Vigil.

**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 Lady Baby Shower** continues through October in the Gathering Space at Our Lady. ELEVATE, St. Cloud (*Pregnancy & Family Resource Center formerly known as Birthline*) is in great need of diapers and baby clothing (esp. Newborn size). They along with all Minnesota Pro-Life Centers have had their Positive Alternatives program gutted, so they no longer have any funding from the government. This is a GREAT way to **WALK WITH MOM'S IN NEED** which is the **program being promoted by NUD Bishop Chad Zalinsky & the USCCB**. This year we have 2 other opportunities to give for those who are unable to shop for the babies: 1) Note the baby bottles in the basket. Please take one home & bring back filled with your loose change; 2) We are collecting for a Baby Car Seat in the free will bucket.

Pietra Fitness® Exercise Classes for Women are now forming... Pietra (meaning "rock" in Italian) is a word that reminds us of the importance of a solid foundation when building anything that is to have strength, stability, and longevity. At Pietra Fitness, our "whole person" workouts are built upon this concept. We utilize physical exercise to promote core strength as a solid physical foundation for the rest of the body. For the soul, our workouts include prayer and meditations built upon the strongest of foundations: the rock of Christ and His Church. This powerful combination truly benefits the entire human person – restoring harmony and wholeness to both body and soul. Contact Marsha Gorackowski, Certified Pietra Fitness Instructor, at 320-221-1698 for more information.

Mondays on the Mat at 6:00 - 10/9, 10/23, 10/30, 11/13, 11/27, 11/4  
Chair- either Tuesdays or Wednesdays - whichever day is easier with space at 10:00-10/18, 10/25, 11/1, 11/15, 11/22, 11/29

No class 10/16 or 11/20

