

# SHEPHERD OF SOULS AREA FAITH COMMUNITY



**NOVEMBER 26, 2023**

## 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

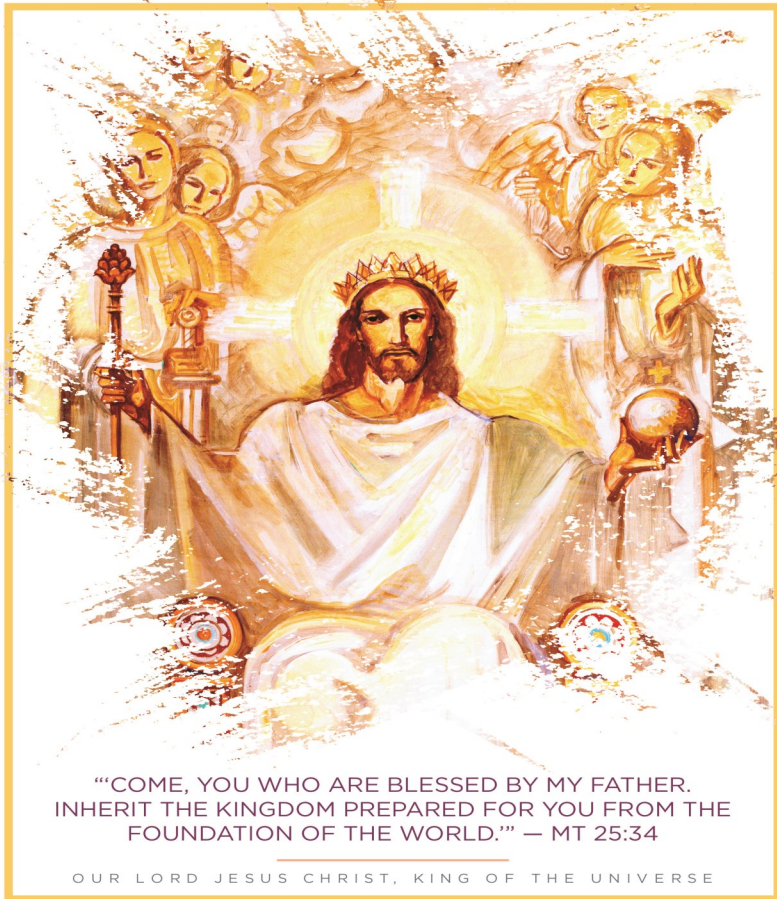
St. John After 8:00am Mass

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*



“COME, YOU WHO ARE BLESSED BY MY FATHER.  
INHERIT THE KINGDOM PREPARED FOR YOU FROM THE  
FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD.” — MT 25:34

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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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.

### WATKINS CHURCH OF ST ANTHONY

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### DARWIN CHURCH OF ST. JOHN

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## OUR STAFF

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## PASTOR'S LETTER

Advent begins next weekend. It is a short period of preparation for the celebration of Christmas. Because there are only three Wednesdays in Advent this year, we are beginning Reconciliation this Wednesday evening. And our first Sunday service is already Dec. 3 at 4pm. Please see the full Reconciliation schedule in this bulletin.

Once again, everyone in our AFC is invited to the celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe at St. Philip Sunday, Dec. 10 with a Noon Mass in Spanish, and a bilingual homily. We will have a Mariachi Band for Mass and to play at the Potluck meal following in the Social Hall.

Thank you for your generosity to the 2023 DMA. We saw in the video last week the impact of our contribution on real people right here in our diocese. By joining with others around the diocese in support of these ministries, we can help those in need and support programs for youth and adults who need our prayers and assistance. If you haven't made your pledge or given a gift, please consider making your contribution now. You may return your pledge in the collection basket or simply drop it in the mail. You may also make your pledge or gift online at <https://www.dnu.org/dma/>. Remember that your gift also supports our parish project: St. Philip—Outdoor Youth Area; St. Anthony—Capital Campaign; St. John—Education Center new outside doors and new TV and mount in church; Our Lady—Tuition for Our Lady students attending the School of St. Philip. Be assured that your gift will only be used to support those ministries designated in the DMA brochure and no other.

The Church Interior Committee, on behalf of St. Anthony's Capital Campaign, has organized an additional opportunity for parish families to provide feedback specific to the plans to renovate the interior of our Church. While the continuing priority is to complete the Church's exterior improvements before the interior, it's important to finalize the plans for the total project. If you would like your family's feedback to be included in these decisions, we are providing an opportunity for you to complete a feedback form. The forms are available in the parish center next to the new rendering pictures. If you want your feedback to be included in the final design decision, return your form on or before Sunday, December 10.

We are glad to have returned to Communion under both forms at St. John, Our Lady, and St. Philip. We still need more Eucharistic ministers at St. Anthony. Please contact Jessie in the office or one of us priests to offer your help.

Thank you to those who gave to the Catholic Campaign for Human Development collection to support those working on the margins and living in poverty. If you missed the collection, visit (<https://usccb.igivecatholictogether.org/organizations/usccb-catholic-campaign-for-human-development>).

The timing of the removal of the St. Gertrude's church is not certain at the time of this printing, but it could be already this week. I recognize that this will be a difficult event for many. Be assured of the prayers of our AFC.

With Thanksgiving approaching, we will be collecting food and money for our Food Shelf. Please remember that the Food Shelf can buy \$4 worth of food for every \$1 we donate.

Peace be with you, Fr. Jeff Horejsi

## Happy Thanksgiving from the School of St. Philip!



As the Liturgical year comes to a close, our minds are looking ahead to the Season of Advent. My mind is filled with Advent preparations for more prayer time with staff and students. Our students are busily gathering food for the food shelf, to practice service to others. The school is filled with joyful song as we prepare for the Christmas program. Although I've yet to see it, young minds may be filling with dreams of goodies under the tree. The next weeks will be filled with "JOY" as we continue to think of - J-esus, O-thers, then Y-ourselves. In any case-no matter the season-we are ever so grateful for all your prayers and support throughout the year.

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

**St Anthony Church Cleaners:**

Church Cleaners: Nov 19-Dec 2:  
Rich & Mary Ann Hesse, Andy & Erin  
Hesse, Art & Deb Hesse and Gerald &  
Luann Hesse and families.  
Call Theresa at 764-7251 to unlock.

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

Mass Ministries (12/3/23)  
Mass Servers: Timmy and Ryan Donnay  
Rosary: Ethel Donnay  
Ushers: Norb Kramer, Andy Vetsch,  
Mike Erpelding & Eric Schmitt  
EMHC: Theresia Linn  
Lectors: Tammy Winter/Amie Vetsch  
Children Liturgy: Heidi & Erin  
Coffee & Rolls: Louwagie Family  
Greeters: Nettie Holtz & Volunteer



Our Condolences to the  
Family of Phil Valiant. May  
Phil rest in eternal peace.

The obituary can be found at  
[www.johnsonhagglund.com](http://www.johnsonhagglund.com)

**Volunteers needed!** We are  
looking for individuals, cou-  
ples, or families that would  
like to be part of the lighting of  
the Advent Candle at the  
Masses during Advent. If you  
are interested please contact  
the Parish Offices.

# MASSES & INTENTIONS

**MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS****Monday, November 27**

No Mass

**Tuesday, November 28**

St Philip, Litchfield 6:00 pm ..... † Ed McGraw  
St Anthony, Watkins 6:00 pm ..... † Rita Ertl

**Wednesday, November 29**

Hilltop Care Center, Watkins 10:30 am ..... † Eugene & Mary McCann

**Thursday, November 30**

St. John, Darwin 8:00 am ..... † Dorothy Schultz  
St. Anthony, Watkins 8:30 am ..... † Richard Schmitt

**Friday, December 1**

Our Lady, Manannah 8:00 am ..... Sick of the AFC  
St. Philip, Litchfield 8:30 am ..... Jacob

**Saturday, December 2**

St. Philip, Litchfield 4:00 pm ..... † Angela Anderson (CCW)

**Sunday, December 3**

St. Philip, Litchfield 8:00 am ..... † Kaleen W  
Our Lady, Manannah 8:00 am ..... † Phil Valiant  
St. John, Darwin 10:00 am ..... † Daniel, Ray, Rose & Gale Posusta  
St. Anthony, Watkins 10:00 am ..... † Eldred Froehling  
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, 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, Larry Hoffman. Prayer Line phone number 593-8944.

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

**St.J:** Ednel Diedrich, Alec McLean, Marlys Roehl, Luis Larios, Troy Kotila, Kim (Elke) Jack, 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, David & Margaret Backus, Jeff Peller. 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

Due to early bulletin deadlines over the Holidays we will not have current weekend collection numbers each week.

## SUNDAY CONTRIBUTIONS and OFFERINGS FROM THE WEEKEND OF: November 12, 2023

OFFERINGS	St. John	Our Lady	St. Philip	St. Anthony
Youth & Children Envelope	\$0.00	\$30.25	\$0.00	\$16.00
Adult Envelope	\$3,920.00	\$4,101.40	\$32,791.99	\$2,017.00
ACH (Auto payment)	\$0.00	\$495.00	\$0.00	\$705.00
Loose Plate Collection	\$250.50	\$80.00	\$450.00	\$226.00
<b>TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERING</b>	<b>\$4,170.50</b>	<b>\$4,706.65</b>	<b>\$33,241.99</b>	<b>\$2,964.00</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>\$444.50</b>	<b>\$2,490.65</b>	<b>\$24,876.66</b>	<b>(\$113.00)</b>
YEAR TO DATE SUNDAY OFFERING	\$59,558.45	\$41,258.00	\$183,899.15	\$72,881.00
Year to Date Budget Needs	\$74,520.00	\$44,320.00	\$167,306.60	\$61,540.00
<b>YEAR TO DATE DIFFERENCE</b>	<b>(\$14,961.55)</b>	<b>(\$3,062.00)</b>	<b>\$16,592.55</b>	<b>\$11,341.00</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, NOVEMBER 27

AFC 5:30 pm... Prayer Shawl Meeting  
StP 6:00 pm.... Pietra-Mat

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

StP 8:30 am....Rosary  
StP 9:00 am....Mission Quilters  
StP 11:00 am...Peitra- Chair  
AFC 3:30 pm....Faith Formation Staff Meeting  
StJ 7:00 pm ....KC Meeting  
StJ 7:00 pm ....Parish Administrative Council Meeting

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

StJ 8:30 am....Quilting  
StP 5:00 pm....Faith Formation Class Gr 4-6  
StA 6:30 pm ....Faith Formation Class Gr 7-10  
StA 6:30 pm ....EV & WAT 11th gr w/parents @StA  
StJ 6:30 pm....Faith Formation Class Gr K-11  
StP 6:30 pm....Faith Formation Class Gr 7-11  
OL 6:45 pm... .Faith Formation Class & Reconciliation Gr 3-11

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

OL 7:00 pm... Parish Administrative Council Meeting

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

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....Potluck/Rosary Night @Tiecher Residence  
StJ 7:45 pm....Benediction

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

StA 7:30 am....Men's Group @EV  
OL 9:00 am... Reconciliation Retreat

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

OL 8:45 am .... OL Sunday School  
OL 9:00 am.... Coffee & Rolls  
StP 9:15 am....StP Sunday School  
StJ 10:00 am.... Childrens Liturgy  
StJ 11:00 am.... KC Breakfast  
StP 11:20 am..... Spanish Rosary  
StP 1:00 pm....Talk on Mary in Spanish  
AFC 4:00 pm... Advent Reconciliation @ StP  
AFC 6:30 pm....AFC Confirmation Class



### Eucharistic Adoration

He is waiting for you to come spend time praying. Eucharistic Adoration will be

#### St. Anthony, Every Thursday -Friday

Thursday 9:00 am to Friday 9:00 am

#### Our Lady, Friday December 1

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

#### St. John, Friday, December 1

1:00 pm Adoration begins, 7:45 pm Benediction

#### Tuesday, December 5 & 19- St. Philip

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

Everyone is welcome to come and pray!



## **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed**

### **Virgin Mary Masses**

#### Thursday, December 7

7:00 pm at Our Lady, Manannah

7:00 pm at St. John, Darwin

#### Friday, December 8

12:00 pm at St. Philip, Litchfield

5:30 pm at St. Anthony, Watkins

# FAITH FORMATION

## Faith Formation Schedule for this week

### St. Philip—Wed, Nov 29

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 9:15-10:15

### Our Lady - Wed, Nov 29

6:45 pm Faith Formation Class & Advent Reconciliation for Gr 3-11

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

### St. John - Wed, Nov 29

6:30 pm Faith Formation Class Gr K-11

### St. Anthony - Wed, Nov 29

Nov 29 - Classes for 7th-10th graders 6:30-8pm  
Class for 11th grade w/parent(s) hosted in Watkins 6:30-8pm

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

Dec 13 - Family Faith Formation (K-6th Grade w/parents) 5:45-7:45pm

Dec 20: 7th-10th graders 6:30-8pm

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

### AFC Confirmation Class—Sunday, Dec 3

6:30 pm St. Philip Social Hall—This class is for AFC 11th grade Confirmation candidates and their sponsors.

For more information refer to the AFC Google Calendar at [www.shepherdofsouls.org](http://www.shepherdofsouls.org)

**Shepherd of Souls Youth Nights** - Come join us each month at **6:45 – 8:15 PM St. Philip Social Hall Grades 5-12** for games, social time, snacks, fellowship, and prayer! It's a wonderful opportunity to spend time with friends, make new ones, and have fun as a youth community! Open to all AFC middle school and high school youth (grades 5-12). There is no cost to attend these nights. Bring a friend! Upcoming dates: Dec. 18, Jan. 15, Feb. 19, Mar. 18, Apr. 15 & May 20

**Confirmation NET Retreat** - The Confirmation NET retreat, for St. Philip, St. Anthony, St. John, Our Lady, and Assumption 10th graders, will be hosted at the Parish Center at Our Lady in Manannah on Monday, January 29th, 2024 from 4-9 pm.

We are looking for volunteers to host/provide housing for the NET team for the nights of Jan. 28th and Jan 29th. Housing needs to be within a 10-15 minute drive from Manannah.

Also, we are looking for volunteers to help with preparing and serving the retreat meal on Monday night.

\*Please contact Deb McCann at 320-444-2291

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**St. Anthony Works of Mercy** - We are called to "Feed the Hungry, Shelter the Homeless, Clothe the Naked". You are invited to join the St. Anthony Faith Formation Families in collecting money for those less fortunate than ourselves. Alejandro, a Mexican Orphan needs money for school supplies, Share the Spirit is an organization that distributes gifts to families in need, NHS Christmas for Kids supports families in the EVW school district, Hilltop - Sponsor a Resident supplies goodies to the residents from donations. If you like to donate to any of these specific causes, place your donation in a plain envelope marked with where you'd like the donation to go and place it in the collection basket. This is a great opportunity to come together, as a church community, to support those in need while giving thanks for the many Blessings in our own lives.

## Shepherd of Souls AFC Christmas Programs

**St. Anthony Christmas Pageant** - Join us in celebrating the birth of Jesus at the St. Anthony annual Christmas pageant. It will be held on Sunday, December 17th, at 3:00pm in the church of St. Anthony. Join us afterward in the social hall for fellowship, cookies, and hot chocolate!

**St. John Christmas Program** - Join us Sunday, December 17 at the 10:00 am Mass.

**Our Lady Christmas Programs**—Join us Sunday, December 17 at the 8:00 am Mass for the Sunday School Program and Wednesday, December 20 at 7:00 pm for the Faith Formation Christmas Program with a lite lunch & fellowship after.



**Community Rosary Night/Potluck:** Join us for the next rosary night on December 1st at 6PM at the Adam & Jessie Teicher residence (39986 CSAH 2, Watkins). Bring your rosary and a dish to share!

**St. Philip's Silent Auction is now open.** Please come and place a bid. Every bid helps support Love2Hope-fighting human trafficking, A'Kala-missions in Guatemala and Ladies Night Out.



## Celebrating St. Nicholas

The Man. The Saint. The Legend.

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

4-6 pm School of St. Philip

All Children and families are invited to join us for Crafts, Story Time, Milk & Cookies, and Pictures with St. Nicholas





NATIONAL  
**Eucharistic  
Revival**  
DIOCESE OF NEW ULM

### **"The Body of Christ" AMEN!**

Jesus Christ instituted the Holy Eucharist on the eve of His Passion at the Last Supper with His Apostles. On Holy Thursday and at every Mass, we commemorate the night that Jesus "took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke It and gave It to them, saying, 'This is My Body Which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me'. And likewise, the cup" filled with wine, "saying, 'This cup which poured out for you is the New Covenant in My Blood. Why did Jesus give us His Body and Blood in the form of bread and wine?"

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### **REVIVAL STARTS IN YOUR OWN HEART**

You are invited to spend some time with Jesus!

The 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at St.

Philip's **December dates Dec 5 & Dec 19**

**All** are invited to "Encounter Jesus"

The day begins with the **Rosary** at 8:30 a.m.

**Adoration** from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. **Mass** at 6:00

p.m. **Supper, Film Clip and Discussion** from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

You and your family are welcome to take part in any or all activities throughout the day! Children are welcome!

Jesus is waiting to spend time with you!

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### **Eucharist Encounter**

Join us on Friday, December 8th at St. John's Church for an evening of Encountering Jesus. We begin with a 6:00 pm Potluck supper (bring a side dish to share) followed by 6:45 pm Reconciliation and 7:00 pm Adoration, music and talk.

### **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, December 3.

St. John Quilters will have a quilt Raffle.



**Handmade Quilts** - The St. Philip mission quilters have many handmade items available for purchase. If you are interested in purchasing or shopping. Please stop by any Tuesday at St. Philip church from 9:00am - 3:00pm or give Carol Kerr a call at 612.308.8552 to take a look at what is available.

**Our Lady Coffee & Rolls**— Please join us on Sunday, Dec 3 for Coffee & Rolls after Mass in the Parish Center. Come enjoy some fellowship! St. Margaret's Circle will be serving - if you belong to this circle we ask that you help with serving & clean up.

### **ADVENT RECONCILIATION**

Sacrament of Reconciliation Advent is a time for all of us to open our hearts to the coming of Christ. One special way we can do this is by taking time to examine our lives and turn to God for help and assistance. The following is a schedule of times when the sacrament will be offered in our Area Faith Community.

#### Communal Reconciliation Services

Wednesday, November 29 at 6:45pm at Our Lady

Sunday, December 3rd at 4:00pm at St. Philip

Wednesday, December 6th at 6:30pm at St. Philip

Wednesday, December 13 at 6:30pm at St. John Ed Center

Sunday, December 17 at 4:00pm at St. Anthony

Wednesday December 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at St. Anthony

In addition to these times, we offer the sacrament 45 minutes before the Saturday evening liturgies, and during the week as listed in the bulletin.



### *Ladies* **Night Out**

**Thursday, December 7th 6:00-8:00 p.m.**

*At The Church of St. Philip*

Menu: Chardonnay Chicken, Baby Red Potatoes, Honey Glazed Carrots, Rolls, Salad and Dessert

Enjoy a memorable evening with family & friends!

Music by Anne Mahoney & Marsha Gorackowski

Proceed raised will benefit victims of Human Sex Trafficking [www.ove2hope.com](http://www.ove2hope.com) & A'KALA Family Foundation [akalaff.org](http://akalaff.org)

Tickets are \$20.00 and can be purchased at St. Philip's Office. For more information please contact

Monica Schreiber @ [mschreiber@shepherdofsouls.org](mailto:mschreiber@shepherdofsouls.org)

320-693-3313 x106

#### **Would you like to host a Table**

1. Host your own table of 8 Ladies
2. Buy tickets (8 seats per table \$20.00 per ticket) at the Church Office
3. Bring your own lovely dishes & décor' to decorate your table
4. Set up for your table is Wed evening in the Social Hall 5-7 p.m.

Next Coffee Talk will be on Saturday, January 6 at 9:00 am at St. Philip. Speakers will be Jim Watt and Tom Mathias—they will share their experiences with Jail Ministries

**Advent Study at St. Anthony's:** Prepare Your Heart: A Guided Advent Journal for Prayer and Meditation Join Fr. Agustino Torres (and us at St. Anthony's!) on an Advent journey led by the saints and the Holy Family to prepare yourself to enter into the story of Christ's birth through prayer, charity, and joyful acts of service to the needy. During each week of Advent, you will embark on a new path informed by Franciscan spirituality to guide you to becoming closer to God. We will meet on Sundays during Advent after the 10AM Mass at St. Anthony's. The cost for the book is \$10, rsvp to Jessie in the St. Anthony's office by Wednesday, November 29th if you want a book and/or will be joining in.



**Annual Reports** – The Annual Reports for 2022-2023 for St. Philip, St. John and Our Lady are available at the back of each Church. They are also available online on the website [www.shepherdofsouls.org](http://www.shepherdofsouls.org), click on Bulletins and look for your church report. If you would like one mailed please call the office and we will get one in the mail to you.

**St. Anthony Food Drive Month** – November is Food Drive Month. There will be baskets for you to bring in non perishable food items that will be collected and then donated to local food shelves. Thanksgiving reminds us of the many blessings God has given us. What a wonderful time of year to give to others less fortunate than ourselves.

**St. Anthony CCW Pro-Works Christmas gifts:** We will be collecting gifts for the Pro-Works clients from Litchfield. You can bring them to our Christmas party or place them in the box in the handicapped addition of church. They would like personal hygiene items, easy puzzles, games or word searches, notebooks and pens. They really appreciate gift cards so the clients can pick out what they like or need. (No clothing, food or blankets.) All gifts should be in a gift bag. Cash or gift cards can be placed in an envelope marked Pro-Works and put in the collection basket. Last day to donate is Sunday, December 10th. Thanks for your generosity.—St. Anthony CCW officers.

**St. Anthony CCW Christmas party:** Come join us on Dec. 5 for 6:00 p.m. Mass followed by our Christmas party in the social hall. There will be a short meeting followed by a light lunch, fun and games. We will be collecting the Pro-Works gifts. Hope you can come, Kathy Erpelding, CCW co-president

**St. John/St. Philip CCW** – Hello Dear Ladies! What could we do to enliven and enrich our CCW here at St. John's and St. Philip's? Join in the discussion on Thurs, Nov 30th at 9:15am, at St. John's in Darwin. Bring your good ideas and let's have some fun!

### **Diocesan Pilgrimage– December 16, 2023 "The Shrine of Our Lady Guadalupe"**

One day pilgrimage from New Ulm to La Crosse, WI  
Cost: \$50 covers travel & food (light breakfast, lunch, dinner) Limited Space For tentative schedule & to register please visit: [www.dnu.org/2023-Pilgrimage-To-the-Shrine-of-Our-Lady-of-Guadalupe](http://www.dnu.org/2023-Pilgrimage-To-the-Shrine-of-Our-Lady-of-Guadalupe)

**Lights of Love** – Hospice Tree Lighting Monday, November 27th, 6:30 pm Twine Ball Museum, Darwin. Dress for the weather as this is an outside event. Donation forms are available at the back of St. John Church.

**Early Bulletin Deadlines** – With the Holidays coming up we will be having early bulletin deadlines. The deadline for the **December 3rd** bulletin will be on Monday, November 27 @noon. **December 10th** bulletin deadline will be on December 1 @ noon. Please have your bulletin announcements to Julie by these deadlines. We will have more for the month of December, so watch for those also.

### **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!

### **Knights of Columbus James A Hansen Council**

**Coats for Kids** – The Boxes are available at St. John Church and also at the Education Center for slightly used coats of any size. Please help our local communities by donating a winter coat. Thank you!

**St. John/St. Philip CCW Diaper Drive**—We will be collecting diapers during the month of November for Birthright. Most needed sizes are 3,4 & 5 and Pull-up size 4 & 5, but all sizes are welcomed. Other baby items are also welcomed. There will be drop off at St. John's & St. Philip's.

**Discipleship Quads:** Quote of the Week: "When asked to be a part of a Discipleship Quad, my first reaction was, "There is no way I can commit to every week with three busy boys and with all the other commitments we have in a week! We are busy enough!" But I took the offer to prayer, and after praying about it I felt the Holy Spirit nudging me saying, "Really Kaila, are you really too busy for Me?" and I hesitantly said "yes." I am so very grateful I did!...I strongly encourage you to pray about being a part of a Discipleship Quad. Life is busy. There will always be something. Take this hour a week to breathe and to be a part of a group who have the same longing of being close to Him. If the commitment scares you too, I promise it all works out somehow when you put God first!" -Kaila Schmitt. A discipleship quad is a group of 4 people of the same gender that meet weekly for about a year to learn about the faith, study scripture and to grow in prayer. See the display across from the office in the parish center at St. Anthony's for Kaila's entire quad testimony, sample books and more information about Discipleship Quads. You can also ask Jessie in the St. Anthony office for more information.

**2024 Cabin Fever Reliever:** Save the date for this years' Cabin Fever Reliever at St. Anthony's for February 10th, 2024. Tickets go on sale next Sunday, December 3rd. \$50 will get you a delicious dinner and a fabulous show from the Black & Whyte Dueling Pianos along with opportunities to win cash prizes and auction items! Also, new this year is a 50/50 raffle ticket that you purchase in advance and don't need to be present to win. This ticket also goes on sale next week!

### **Job Opportunity in Shepherd of Souls AFC**

Job Opening: Maintenance and or Cleaner for the Church of St. Anthony. This could be a combined position or separated into two. Part-time. Apply on [www.shepherdofsouls.org](http://www.shepherdofsouls.org) or contact Jessie at the church office 320-764-2755.