

# SHEPHERD OF SOULS AREA FAITH COMMUNITY



**DECEMBER 24, 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 3:15 - 3:45 pm

### **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*

*Fourth Sunday of*  
**ADVENT**



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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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106 N. 4th Street | Darwin, MN 55324  
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## OUR STAFF

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Greetings from the  
School of St. Philip!



Part of our Advent journey this year was to set up a Jesse tree. We added an ornament each day and shared the Bible story that went with it. Some of the stories were well known by the students and others were less familiar---all were well received. Each day we inched closer to the birth of Jesus, the excitement building. In the last days, we began to set up the manger scene and likened it to our hearts, a spiritual home for Jesus. We wish you all a well-prepared spiritual home for Jesus for this very short 4<sup>th</sup> week of Advent. Merry Christmas!

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

## PASTOR'S LETTER

Merry Christmas season to all (Dec. 24—Jan. 8). Let us celebrate the mystery of God becoming flesh and dwelling with us! Because the Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God falls on a Monday (Jan. 1) this year, there is no obligation to attend Mass, but we offer two Masses for those who would like to celebrate this wonderful feast.

Thanks to a parishioner and our KCs for donating the Beautiful Eucharist books for our AFC. We hope that some who receive this book might be willing to bring it back to church to pass it on to someone else.

It is time to give an update on how our parishes are doing in meeting the goals our Diocese has given us for the DMA. St. Philip's goal is \$43,325. We are at \$24,350. St. Anthony's goal is \$20,300. We are at \$5,630. St. John's goal is \$18,072. We are at \$21,299. Our Lady's goal is \$12,502. We are at \$7,325. Thank you to all who have given to the Diocesan Ministries Appeal. Your contributions to the DMA reach individuals and families across the diocese. If you have not had the opportunity to make your pledge or gift yet, envelopes are available in the back of church. 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/>. Either way, your gift will be counted toward our parish goal. Be assured that your gift will only be used to support those ministries designated in the DMA brochure - ministries that are vital to our diocesan church - as well as our own 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.

St. Gertrude's is planning on creating a memorial area at the entrance to the cemetery where the church bell, the bench, large rock, and outdoor crucifix that had been in the front of church will be placed. We hope that this will help all those who miss the church.

Peace be with you, Fr. Jeff Horejsi

**St Anthony Church Cleaners:**

Church Cleaners: December 17-30:  
Lynn & Karon Hokanson, Dan & Misty  
Hokanson & Bonnie Holthaus and fam-  
ilies  
Call Theresa at 764-7251 to unlock.

**St Anthony Mass Ministries,**

Christmas Eve 12/24/23 4:00 PM  
Altar Servers: Olivia, Emily, Eddie & Isaac  
Kramer  
Ushers: TBD  
EMHC: Ethel Donnay  
Lectors: Amie Vetsch/Tammy Winter  
Greeters: Eric & Kaila Schmitt

Christmas Day 12/25/23 9:00 AM  
Altar Servers: Henry & George Landwehr  
Ushers: TBD  
EMHC: Theresa Faber  
Lectors: Andy Hesse/Heidi Schoenecker  
Greeters: Theresa Faber & Jessie Teicher

12/31/23 10:00 AM  
Altar Servers: Zackary Heinen & Andrew  
Henneman  
Rosary: Sharon Simmons  
Ushers: Norb Kramer, Andy Vetsch, Mike  
Erpelding & Eric Schmitt  
EMHC: Ruth Geislinger  
Lectors: Mary Ann Hesse/Kelly Meierhofer  
Children's Liturgy: Heidi & Erin  
Coffee & Rolls: Mindy Heinen  
Greeters: Nettie Holtz & Amanda Ma-  
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**\*\*With the end of the year, we will no longer be listing the Mass ministries in the bulletin. Please pay special attention to your paper schedules or the online schedule that can be found on St. Anthony's website.**

# MASSES & INTENTIONS

**MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS****Sunday, December 24—Christmas Eve**

St. Philip, Litchfield 4:00 pm ..... † Jerry Eischens  
St. Anthony, Watkins 4:00 pm ..... † Earl & Donna Dockendorf  
Our Lady, Manannah 6:00 pm ..... † Richard & Pat Lindmark  
St. John, Darwin 6:00 pm ..... † Mary Thissen

**Monday, December 25—Christmas Day**

St. Philip, Litchfield, 9:00 am ..... † Delores Speiser  
St. Anthony, Watkins, 9:00 am ..... † Jerry Oster  
St. Philip, Litchfield 10:30 am (Spanish) ..... People of the Parish

**Tuesday, December 26**

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

**Wednesday, December 27**

Lakeside, Dassel. 10:00 am ..... † Lois & Elmer Swenson  
Hilltop Care Center, Watkins 10:30 am ..... † Mike & Arletta Turner

**Thursday, December 28**

St. John, Darwin 8:00 am ..... † Joanne Riffer  
St. Anthony, Watkins, 8:30 am ..... † CCW Memebers

**Friday, December 29**

Our Lady, Manannah 8:00 am ..... † June Tierney  
St. Philip, Litchfield 8:30 am ..... † Dick Nagel

**Saturday, December 30**

St. Philip, Litchfield 4:00 pm ..... † Kalene W

**Sunday, December 31**

St. Philip, Litchfield 8:00 am ..... † Butch Borowicz  
Our Lady, Manannah 8:00 am ..... † Bernie Schmitz  
St. John, Darwin 10:00 am ..... † Don Bollman  
St. Anthony, Watkins 10:00 am ..... † Allan Unterberger  
St. Philip, Litchfield 12:00 pm (Spanish) ..... People of the Parish

**Monday, January 1 - Mary, Mother of God**

St. John, Darwin, 9:00 am ..... † Chris Hansen  
Our Lady, Manannah, 9:00 am ..... † Jim McCann

Mass live streaming on our website using Facebook Live every Saturday at 4:00 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, JoAnn Topp. 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: December 10, 2023

OFFERINGS	St. John	Our Lady	St. Philip	St. Anthony
Youth & Children Envelope	\$0.00	\$29.20	\$0.00	\$6.00
Adult Envelope	\$2,760.00	\$2,034.00	\$5,822.59	\$5,190.00
ACH (Auto payment)	\$1,030.00	\$245.00	\$0.00	\$710.00
Loose Plate Collection	\$158.26	\$109.00	\$774.00	\$349.00
<b>TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERING</b>	<b>\$3,858.26</b>	<b>\$2,417.20</b>	<b>\$6,596.59</b>	<b>\$6,255.00</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>\$132.26</b>	<b>\$201.20</b>	<b>(\$1,768.74)</b>	<b>\$3,178</b>
YEAR TO DATE SUNDAY OFFERING	\$72,895.21	\$49,556.00	\$218,789.73	\$87,982.00
Year to Date Budget Needs	\$89,424.00	\$53,184.00	\$200,767.92	\$73,848.00.00
<b>YEAR TO DATE DIFFERENCE</b>	<b>(\$16,528.79)</b>	<b>(\$3,628.00)</b>	<b>\$18,021.81</b>	<b>\$14,134.00</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, DECEMBER 25



### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

StP 8:30 am....Rosary  
StP 9:00 am....Mission Quilters  
StP .... No Bible Time  
StA 12:00– 6:00 pm..... Blood Drive  
StJ 7:00 pm .....KC Officers Meeting

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

StJ 8:30 am....Quilting  
StA ... No Faith Formation Class  
StJ ....NoFaith Formation Class Gr K-11  
StP ....No Faith Formation Class Gr 7-11  
OL... .No Faith Formation Class Gr 3-11

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

StP 8:00 am.....Rosary

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

StA 7:30 am....Men's Group @EV

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

OL .....No Sunday School  
StP 11:20 am..... Spanish Rosary

The end of the year is not far away, and it is time to start thinking of strategies to maximize the tax benefits of year-end giving. Federal tax laws and many state laws make it possible to reduce or eliminate taxes on gifts to charities like your parish, diocese, schools and other ministries. Remember that only gifts made by Dec 31st can help reduce the amount of taxes you owe next April. Please consult **your professional tax advisor for tax strategies for your personal situation.**

The most popular way to give to charity is still by cash or check. Gifts completed by December 31st will qualify for tax deductibility for the current tax year. Gifts of cash qualify for up to one-half of your adjusted gross income (AGI). You will receive an acknowledgement for gifts of \$250 or more. If you are a registered member you will receive a statement in January indicating your 2023 giving.

For more information about giving gifts of cash, please contact the parish office.

Our parishes appreciate your generosity to help us with our ministry.

### Eucharistic Adoration

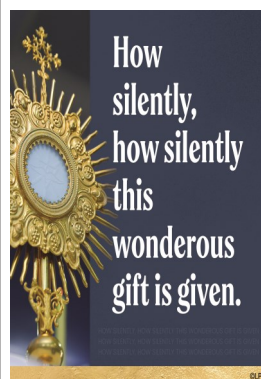


He is waiting for you to come spend time praying. Eucharistic Adoration will be

### St. Anthony, Every Thursday –Friday

Thursday 9:00 am to Friday 9:00 am

Everyone is welcome to come and pray!



### Christmas Adoration at

Church of St. Anthony,

December 24, 11 pm–December 25, 1 am

..and the Word became Flesh. Join us for a time of candlelit Eucharistic Adoration in the church. Take a break from the holiday bustle to encounter Jesus in the quiet stillness of the late evening hour. Come and go anytime during these two hours.

# FAITH FORMATION

## Faith Formation Schedule for this week

### St. Philip—Wed, Dec 27

No Faith Formation Class

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

### Our Lady - Wed, Dec 27

No Faith Formation Class.

**Sunday School**—Preschool to Gr 2 after Communion until 9:45 am—No Sunday School on Sun, Dec 24th

### St. John - Wed, Dec 27

No Faith Formation Class

### St. Anthony - Wed, Dec 27

Dec 27 - No Classes

Jan 3 - 7th-10th graders 6:30-8pm

Jan 10 - 7th-10th graders 6:30-8pm

Jan 17 - Classes for 7th-10th graders 6:30-8pm

### AFC Confirmation Class—Sunday, Jan. 7th

6:30–8:00 PM in the St. Philip Social Hall. This class is for 11<sup>th</sup> grade candidates and sponsors from St. Philip, St. John, and Our Lady parishes. If a sponsor is unavailable, a parent/guardian may attend in their place. Candidates should bring their Mass journals to class!

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

## Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction

January 14th

11am-1pm

St. Anthony, Watkins

- Take a break from cooking and enjoy a family meal
- Support the youth, including those going to the Eucharistic Congress
- Free will donation
- Bid on items from Catholic organizations



All Proceeds benefit  
EVW Youth Ministry

## From the St. Anthony Faith Formation Office

**Thank You:** For the **teachers** that prepare for their classes and allow the Holy Spirit to use them as an instrument to spread the Love of Christ. • For the **classroom helpers** for being an extra presence in the room and also for your watchful eyes and ears to hear the silent cry of those students that may need help but don't know how to ask for it. • For the **speakers** who educate the listeners and guide them to encounter a deeper personal relationship with Christ. • For the **daycare helpers** and those that facilitate **children's liturgy**, you do a wonderful job giving personal attention to those in attendance. • For those that prepare the **meals and snacks**, it is said the way to every person's heart is through their stomach; meals offer a great opportunity for community building. • For those that have the heart and passion to be **in attendance** to help where needs arise; your presence is appreciated. • To those that support the Faith Formation program with your **prayers** including special prayers for the students in a sacramental year. • For all those that financially support the youth. Through your **donations** we are able to offset costs, offer additional opportunities and support local non-profit organizations as we offer works of Mercy. May God bless you all!!

**Youth Night Recap** - Youth night was a hit again! The students wrapped presents for families in need and played Christmas Jeopardy. The Knights of Columbus provided pizza for our hungry students, Heidi Dollerschell gave a great talk on respecting God, others, and yourself, and we ended the night in Adoration! Thank you parents for bringing your children again! The next night, January 24th at St. Anthony, will be a big one with two guests! See you there!

## National Eucharistic Congress Youth Trip -

This summer, July 16th-22nd, St. Anthony/Assumption along with the Diocese of New Ulm are taking a group of current 8th-12th grade students to Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis for an opportunity of a lifetime! The first Eucharistic Congress in 50 years is bringing Jesus in the Eucharist to thousands of people from around the world! The youth track will be very similar to Steubenville. There will be great music, speakers like Fr. Mike Schmitz, and so much more! The overall cost is estimated to be \$1,000 to \$1,500 before any fundraising is done. Jesus is waiting for you; come, see and let your life be changed! Spots are limited! Contact Sam [evwyouthministry@gmail.com](mailto:evwyouthministry@gmail.com) for any questions and to register.

**Discipleship Quads** - "I have had the privilege of being in a quad twice and I can say both times were an amazing experience. When I was asked the first time I wasn't sure if this was something I wanted to do, I had so many reservations and was also afraid of committing for almost a whole year but the time flew by!... This is a great opportunity for anyone searching for something more." -Lori Unterberger. 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 Lori's entire quad testimony, sample books and more information about Discipleship Quads. All the past testimonies and the quotes from EV are also there. Ask Jessie in the St. Anthony office for more information.

## St. Anthony Christmas Carol

Join us on Sunday, December 31 at 9:40 am (before the 10 am Mass) for singing of Christmas Carols at St. Anthony's.



## **CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

### **Christmas Eve, Sunday, Dec 24th**

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

**4:00pm St. Anthony, Watkins**

**6:00pm St. John, Darwin**

**6:00pm Our Lady, Manannah**

"Come early to the Christmas Eve Mass you are attending to sing Christmas carols before Mass."

### **Christmas Day, Sunday, Dec 25th**

**9:00 am St. Philip, Litchfield**

**9:00am St. Anthony, Watkins**

**10:30am (Spanish) St. Philip, Litchfield**

Watch Mass on our Website at  
[www.shepherdofsouls.org](http://www.shepherdofsouls.org)



NATIONAL  
**Eucharistic  
Revival**  
DIOCESE OF NEW ULM

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

The word "Bethlehem" is from two Ancient Hebrew words. It literally means "House of Bread." The city of Bethlehem is located in the grain producing region of Old Testament times. How appropriate that Jesus, Who calls Himself, "the Bread that came down from Heaven," is born in Bethlehem, the "House of Bread". (John 6:41). The shepherds "went in haste" to the "House of Bread" to see the "Bread of Life". So should we hurry to Mass to see and receive the "Bread of Life."

What is the connection between Jesus's manger bed and the Eucharist?

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### **Encounter Night at St. Anthony's**

Join us on Friday, January 12th for an hour of Adoration, confession and live praise & worship music! This starts at 7PM and is followed by fellowship and refreshments in the parish hall. All are welcome, hope to see you there for this chance to "encounter" Jesus in a special way!

**Rosary Night & Potluck:** Join us for the next rosary night on January 5th at 6PM at YOUR HOUSE?? Contact Jessie in the St. Anthony's office to volunteer to host!

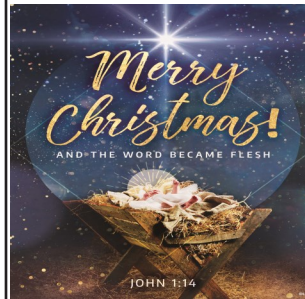
### **St. John KC Pancake Breakfast**

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, January 7. Proceeds go to Birthright Crisis Pregnancy Center. St. John Quilters will have a quilt Raffle.



May the Joy and Peace of Christmas be with you all through the coming New Year.

Wishing you a season of blessings from heaven above.



From:

Fr. Jeff,

Fr. Mike and

all our Area

Faith Community Staff.



### **SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD**

**January 1, 2024**

9:00am - St. John's and

9:00am Our Lady

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

**Saturday, January 6, 2024, 9:00 am**

**St. Philip's Social Hall**

Speakers will be

Jim Watt and Tom Mathias—they will share their experiences with Jail Ministries

Come for a time of Fellowship, coffee, treats and door prizes!! Bring your friends and your favorite coffee mug!

Sponsors: Family Fare & Thrivent Financial

**March for Life Bus** – The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a bus to the March for Life rally in St. Paul on Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>. The bus will depart:

- 7:53 St. Philip's Church
- 8:15 St. St. John's Church
- 8:38 St. John's Education Center

The bus will arrive at the Cathedral in time for the prayer service, then to the Capitol for the rally. Return time will be approximately 3:30. Please bring your own food and drinks. To reserve a seat on the bus, call or text Tony Lorber at 320-248-6863.

**Our Lady Coffee & Rolls**— Please join us on Sunday, Jan. 7 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.

**2024 Cabin Fever Reliever:** Save the date for this year's Cabin Fever Reliever at St. Anthony's for February 10th, 2024. Tickets for the night (\$50 each) are now on sale! Also, new this year is a 50/50 raffle with a chance to win up to \$10,000! \$100 a ticket with only 200 tickets sold. Need not be present to win.



**St. Anthony Money Counters-** We are seeking a few more individuals to help count the Sunday collection. This counting is typically done on Monday mornings and takes about an hour. Frequency would depend on the number of volunteers but would likely be no more than 1-2 times a month. Contact the St. Anthony office if interested. Thank you!

**Frozen Bouja For Sale** - St. Anthony's Catholic Order of Foresters has some frozen bouja for sale. To purchase, contact Kevin Donnay at 320-398-6370.

**Blood Drive at St. Anthony's** - The Red Cross has scheduled a blood drive in Watkins at the St. Anthony Church Parish Center from 12-6 pm on Tuesday, December 26. Yes, the day after Christmas. To make an appointment, call 1-800-733-2767, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org), or click on the Blood Donor App. Walk-ins are welcome. This gift will not cost you anything, but will be worth a lot to the ones in need of blood.

### *Ladies* Night Out Thank you!!

With sincere gratitude, there are not enough words to fully express my heartfelt thanks to all who supported this wonderful event!! A special thank you to The Knights of Columbus for their amazing work and contributions for a successful evening.

Profits for the evening were \$2300.00

Two great non-profit organizations were the recipients:  
\$1150.00 was sent to love2hopefoundation  
\$1150.00 was sent to A'KALA Family Foundation

God bless all of you!  
Monica Schreiber, Event Coordinator

**Needed**—St. John Church is in need of Valentine themed mugs for their parish project, Mugs for the Elderly! They are needed by mid January. Please place in the box at the back of St. John Church. Thank you!



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

### **"Building Disciples, Sharing Gifts" Program**

Thank you for your generous support of our "Building Disciples, Sharing Gifts" Program! Several weeks ago, we began this important parish-wide program and we are starting to see signs that our offertory collections are growing through the generosity of **YOU**, our faithful parish community. Next week we will be publishing in the bulletin a report with important highlights from our program. Thank you so very much to all who participated. Your generosity shows your willingness as faithful stewards to be a part of the ongoing missions of Church of St. Philip.

**Memorial Candles** - If you had a loved one that passed away this past year and there is a Memorial Candle for them please feel free to pick it up at the Church.

### **Download Our New AFC App!**

Our new Shepherd of Souls AFC app is now available to download for iPhone and Android smart phones. Stay connected with our parish throughout the week with instant notifications, an easy-to-access event calendar, and the ability to quickly reply to or share messages via Facebook or Twitter. Also enjoy a bunch of additional features like prayers, daily readings, helpful reminders to silence your phone before Mass or Confession, and much more. Help foster a stronger parish life at Shepherd of Souls AFC and better engage the New Evangelization. Download our app today at [myparishapp.com](http://myparishapp.com) or search your phone's app store for myparish.

### **St. Anthony Church Project Update**

As we continue to focus on the repair of our church roof and the exterior of our renovation project, the Church Interior committee would like to thank all who participated in the church interior rendering feedback. This feedback will be used to guide the interior renovation phase **after the roof and tuck-pointing projects are completed.**

The roof of our church is in poor shape and deteriorating rapidly. We encourage everyone to submit a pledge form or make a donation to the roof project soon. Pledge forms are located next to the church rendering sample in the parish center. All funds collected are being **prioritized to the roof project** so that it can be completed as soon as possible.

Here are the tally results of the church interior feedback forms received:

Rendering #1: 27%

**Rendering #2: 73%**

Latin: 20%

**English: 74%**

No Preference: 6%

New Furniture: 36%

**Current Furniture: 53%**

No Preference: 11%

These results match rendering feedback option #2. This rendering is displayed in the parish center.

Thank you again to all who participated and have already made pledges and donations!

**Early Bulletin Deadlines** - With the Holidays coming up we will be having early bulletin deadlines. The deadline for the **December 31st** bulletin was on Wed, Dec 20th @ noon. The Deadline for the **January 7th** bulletin will be on Thur, Dec 28th @ noon. Please have your bulletin announcements to Julie by these deadlines.