



# Shepherd of Souls Area Faith Community

## “Called to be the Face of Christ”

[www.shepherdofsouls.org](http://www.shepherdofsouls.org)

### Bulletin for Sunday, April 2, 2023

### Palm Sunday



#### AFC Mass Times

##### Saturday - Easter Vigil

8:00 pm St. Philip, Litchfield

##### Sunday - Easter Sunday

8:00am Church of St. Philip, Litchfield  
8:30am Church of Our Lady, Manannah  
10:00am Church of St. John, Darwin  
10:30am Church of St Philip, Litchfield  
12:00pm Church of St. Philip (Spanish)

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday— 3:30 pm at Our Lady  
Saturday - 4:30 pm at St. John  
1st & 3rd Tuesday - 4:00 pm at St. Philip  
Or Please call A Priest for an Appointment

**New Member Registration** - To register as members of any of our three 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.

#### Forest City

#### Church of

#### St Gertrude

Merged with Church of  
St. Philip, Litchfield

#### 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

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Monday</b> <i>April 3</i>	No Mass		No Mass
<b>Tuesday</b> <i>April 4</i>	8:00 am - Darwin		Laura Champ & Family
	5:30 pm - Litchfield	✙	Butch Borowicz
<b>Wednesday</b> <i>April 5</i>	8:00 am - Manannah	✙	Art & Barb Birong
<b>Holy Thursday</b> <i>April 6</i>	7:00 pm - Litchfield <i>Mass of the Lord's Supper</i>		People of the Area Faith Community
<b>Good Friday Services</b> <i>April 7</i>	12:00 pm - Litchfield		
	3:00 pm - Manannah		
	7:00 pm - Darwin		
<b>Holy Saturday</b> <i>April 8</i>	8:00 pm - Litchfield <i>Easter Vigil</i>		People of the Area Faith Community
<b>Easter Sunday</b> <i>April 9</i>	8:00 am-Litchfield	✙	Charles Kubesh (KC)
	8:30 am-Manannah		Jerome & Margaret McCarney
	10:00 am - Darwin	✙	Clarence Kluver
	10:30 am - Litchfield	✙	Ed McGraw
	12:00 pm-Litchfield (Spanish)		People of the Parish

## Area Faith Community Calendar of Events

**For More Info go to the AFC website**

<b>Monday</b> <i>April 3</i>	OL - 1:30 pm Quilters StP - Pietra Class—Chair
<b>Tuesday</b> <i>April 4</i>	StP - 8:00 am Rosary StP - 8:30 am Adoration Begins StP - 9:00 am Mission Quilters StP - 9:00 am Bible Time AFC - 1:00 pm Staff Meeting StP - 4:00 pm Reconciliation StP - 5:15 pm Benediction StP - 6:30 pm Holy Thursday Music Practice
<b>Wednesday</b> <i>April 5</i>	StJ - 8:30 am Quilting StJ - No Faith Formation Gr K-11 StP - No Faith Formation Classes OL - No Faith Formation Class StP - 5:30 pm RCIA Retreat StP - 6:00 pm Holy Saturday Music Practice
<b>Thursday</b> <i>April 6</i>	<i>Holy Thursday</i>
<b>Friday</b> <i>April 7</i>	<i>Good Friday</i>
<b>Saturday</b> <i>April 8</i>	StP - 8:00 am Band of Brothers Bible Study <i>Holy Saturday</i>
<b>Sunday</b> <i>April 9</i>	

**Do you have a loved one that you would like to have a Mass Intention memorial said or perhaps a special prayer intention you would like to have said? Call your parish office to schedule your Mass Intention or call Brenda at 320-693-3313 or Julie at 320-693-8900 or 320-693-9496.**

### 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 Henriksen Winkles, Summer Franco, Florence Rezek, Cordelia Lewandoski, Julie Eck, Pat Munson, Jeremy Munson Prayer Line phone number 593-8944.

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

**St.J:** Ednel Diedrich, Susan Hummel, Alivia Hemsworth, Amber Walker, Alec McLean, Marlys Roehl, Don Bollman, Luis Larios, Troy Kotila, Kim (Elke) Jack, Raylan Russel, Kathy Thissen, Patrick Ecklund, Mike Ackerman, Jacob Schmitz, Kathy Eggert, Daralyn Goldsberry, Mary Jo Edwards, Tom & Janice Crowe, Lori Ficker, Judy Haverkamp, Wes Edwards, Jessee Steuck, Clarence Vorlicek, Mary Levinski, Phyllis Levno, Dale LaPlante, Fr. Fred Fink, Ken Ballard, Reiden Cichoska. Prayer Line Phone Number 693-9496.

**And all those who have asked for our prayers of healing of their friends and relatives.**

***A Note from Fr. Jeff Horejsi ....***

We have begun Holy Week. Please join in the Triduum liturgies: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. Celebrating the Lord's suffering, death and resurrection are at the heart of our faith.

Pope Francis has asked our parishes to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. This collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem. The pandemic hit Christians in the Holy Land particularly hard. Most of them depend on pilgrimages for work. In these times of crisis, this collection is necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land and to maintain a Christian presence where the Church was born. Please be generous. For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit [www.myfranciscan.org](http://www.myfranciscan.org) or [www.custodia.org](http://www.custodia.org).

Former members of St. Gertrude's parish will be receiving a letter inviting them to a meeting on May 10th at 7pm at St. Philip to discuss plans for the buildings at Forest City.

Bishop Zielinski has let us know that he is letting pastors make the decision about whether or not to offer Communion under both forms. We discussed this at our AFC Pastoral Council meeting last week. We would like to offer the Precious Blood again, but we are in need of more Eucharistic Ministers to be able to do this. If you would be willing to offer your service, please contact Judy Dunbar at [jdunbar@shepherdofsouls.org](mailto:jdunbar@shepherdofsouls.org) or call her at 693-3313 ext. 105.

We have Rice Bowls available again. In addition, we are participating in Cross Catholic's "Wells of Salvation" project. If you write a check for either of these, please make it out to your parish. Much more information is at [www.CrossCatholic.org/Lent-parishes](http://www.CrossCatholic.org/Lent-parishes).

We will be streaming Mass live on our website using Facebook Live every Saturday at 4:00 pm Our Lady, Sunday at 8:00 am at St. Philip, 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.

Again, I want to thank you for your continued financial gifts to your parish. 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.



There will be **NO** Coffee & Rolls  
***Sunday, April 9 at St. Philip's after  
8:00 am Mass.***

**FAITH FORMATION NEWS...****St. Philip - Wednesday, April 5**

No Faith Formation Class

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

**Our Lady - Wednesday, April 5**

No Faith Formation Class

**Sunday School** - for Preschool to Gr 2 after Communion until 10:15 am

**St. John - Wednesday, April 5**

No Faith Formation Gr K-11

**Children Liturgy** - Sunday's for ages 3 to Gr 2 at 10:00 am Mass

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

**Readings for the week of April 2, 2023**

**Sunday:** Matthew 21: 1-11/Isaiah 50: 4-7/Psalms 22: 8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24/Philippians 2: 6-11/Philippians 2: 8-9/Matthew 26: 14 - 27: 66 or Matthew 27: 11-54

**Monday:** Isaiah 42: 1-7/Psalms 27: 1, 2, 3, 13-14/John 12: 1-11

**Tuesday:** Isaiah 49: 1-6/Psalms 71: 1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/John 13: 21-33, 36-38

**Wednesday:** Isaiah 50: 4-9a/Psalms 69: 8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/ Matthew 26: 14-25

**Thursday:** Exodus 12: 1-8, 11-14/Psalms 116: 12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18/ First Corinthians 11: 23-26/John 13: 34/John 13: 1-15

**Friday:** Isaiah 52: 13 - 53: 12/Psalms 31: 2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25/ Hebrews 4: 14-16; 5: 7-9/Philippians 2: 8-9/John 18: 1 - 19: 42

**Saturday:** Genesis 1: 1 - 2: 2 or 1: 1, 26-31a/Psalms 104: 1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or Psalms 33: 4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20 and 22/Genesis 22: 1 -18 or 22: 1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Matthew 28: 1-10

**Sunday:** Acts 10: 34a, 37-43/Psalms 118: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Colossians 3: 1-4 or First Corinthians 5: 6b-8/First Corinthians 5: 7b-8a/John 20: 1-9 or Matthew 28: 1-10 or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24: 13 -35

**KC Pancake Breakfast - St. John's -** The James A. Hansen Knights of Columbus invite you to a pancake breakfast at St. John's following the 10:00 Mass on Sunday, April 2. All proceeds of this breakfast are to benefit Seminarians and will be matched up to \$1,000.

The St. John Quilters will be having a quilt raffle!!



**Our Lady Easter Egg Hunt -** We invite all children 2nd grade and under to join us for the annual Easter Egg Hunt in the Parish Center after the 8:30 am Easter Sunday Mass. We thank Nathan & Cami Haag Family and the Schumacher Family for putting together this annual event!

**Our Lady Coffee & Rolls**—Please join on Sunday, April 2 after the 8:30 am Mass for Coffee & Rolls and Fellowship. St Margaret's circle will serve. If you are member of the circle please help with serving & clean up.

**Grief Support Group**— The grief journey is one no one chooses to go on. Having others to share the process can help us keep on the journey. With that in mind, the Shepherd of Souls Area Faith Community will be hosting a grief support group at the Church of St. Philip. Anyone grieving a loss is welcome. The first date is set for Tuesday, April 18 and will end May 23, all at 5:00 PM in the conference room. Please plan on attending all 6 sessions. To RSVP call Ann at 320-221-3379

**CCW Convention** - The 62nd Annual New Ulm Diocesan CCW Convention will be held Sat, April 29th at the Church of St. Mary, New Ulm. The theme for the convention is "I AM the Bread of Life". The speakers will be Liz Kelly and Berny Berger. Liz is a retreat leader and author of 10 books. Berny will present on the life of Blessed Carlo Acutis and the exhibit he created on the Miracles of the Eucharist. Early bird registration deadline is April 10. Registration forms along with more information can be found on the website nudccw.org.

### **This is My Body Eucharistic Congress 2023**

Come and join thousands of Catholics as we Rejoice in the Lord through the Eucharist!

The Diocese of Winona-Rochester Bishop Robert Barron invite all Catholics to come to Mankato Civic Center on June 10, 2023 for Eucharistic Procession, Mass, Speakers and Music. For more information and to register visit [www.eucharist.dowr.org](http://www.eucharist.dowr.org) Registration begins April 1 and runs through May 15.

**Easter Flowers** If you would like to donate to the Easter Flowers in memory of a loved one - you can use the envelope included in your envelope packets or a marked envelope and drop in the collection or bring to the Parish Offices.



## **Kindergarten Round Up**

**April 13, 2023  
8:30-11:00am**



**Explore the Classroom  
Meet the Kindergarten Teacher  
Take a Ride on our Blue Bus  
Discover the Difference**



Mind



Body



Spirit



## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE



**HOLY THURSDAY, April 6, 2023**  
**MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**  
**7:00PM at the Church of St. Philip**

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**GOOD FRIDAY April 7, 2023**  
**Passion & Communion Services**  
**St. Philip @ 12:00pm**  
**Our Lady @ 3:00pm**  
**St John @ 7:00pm**



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**EASTER VIGIL April 8, 2023**  
**8:00pm at the Church of St. Philip**



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**EASTER SUNDAY April 9, 2023**  
**Our Lady @ 8:30am**  
**St John @ 10:00am**  
**St. Philip @ 8:00am & 10:30am & 12:00pm**  
**(Spanish)**



Thank you to everyone who collected all the Family Fare Receipts throughout the years. We were sad to see that program go away. They do still have a program where our School of St. Philip can collect on the Our Family UPC Code.

Please cut those off the Our Family brand item labels and be sure to turn them into any of the Parish Offices or just drop in the collection.

Every little bit helps.



**Holy Week Volunteers needed** - We are looking for volunteers to participate in:

**Washing of Feet on Holy Thursday**, 7:00 pm at St. Philip. We are asking for 4 people from each of the parishes to represent the 12 apostles (could be young or old).

**Oil Bearers Holy Thursday** - 1 from each parish.

**Water Bearers - Easter Vigil** 8:00 pm at St. Philip - 1 from each parish.

If you are interested please let Julie know at the parish offices or email  
[jschmitz@shepherdofsouls.org](mailto:jschmitz@shepherdofsouls.org)



### **Eucharistic Adoration**

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

**Friday April 7 Our Lady & St. John**  
No Adoration—Good Friday

**Tuesday, April 4 at St. Philip**  
Adoration begins at 8:30 am, Reconciliation at 4pm, benediction 5:15 pm and Mass at 5:30 pm

**Tuesday April 18 St. Philip**  
No Adoration

Everyone is welcome to come and pray!

**Job Opportunity** - Job Opening: Faith Formation Coordinator at Our Lady, Manannah, part-time. Job description is on our website [www.shepherdofsouls.org](http://www.shepherdofsouls.org) To apply, find application on this website under AFC employment. It can be emailed to [frjeff@shepherdofsouls.org](mailto:frjeff@shepherdofsouls.org).

**Liturgy Matters** - Bishop Zielinski is offering a 36 week series of reflections on the liturgy called "Liturgy Matters." These are his reflections on the liturgy based upon a book by Abbot Jeremy Driscoll, OSB titled "What Happens At Mass." Audio recordings of these reflections, as well as Word files that can be inserted into bulletins, can be found at [www.dnu.org/liturgy-matters](http://www.dnu.org/liturgy-matters). New reflections offered weekly.

## THIS WEEK ON FORMED

### Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage

Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage, cinematically walks through the locations of the Holy Week story, representing the most important days of human history. Immersed in the real and sacred places of the Holy Land, the pilgrim faithful is brought tangibly nearer to the story, the landscape, and the reality of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

### The Faithful Departed | Eternal Rest | Episode 4

What is left for the living to do after someone dies? In this session, we talk about the final ways in which those still living on earth care for the body and soul of the dead. We discuss the work that remains for the living to do as we grieve for the deceased and as we turn to the work of preparing for our own death, and the hope in which we live and die as Christians.

### Holy Week by Dr. Brant Pitre

Join Dr. Brant Pitre, author and Scripture scholar, as he walks us through the events of Holy Week. Pitre's insights and clarity allow the listener to enter into a deeper appreciation of the most important events of Christ's earthly ministry.

To sign up for Formed: Go to website, Click on Sign up, Sign up as a Parishioner, find Shepherd of Souls AFC and enter your name & email address.

All parishioners of our AFC are invited to a Presentation of the Alpha Women's Center on Tuesday, April 4th at 7:10 p.m. at St. John's Education Center on Highway 12 between Dassel and Cokato. Below is a video from Alpha Women's Center about their new mobile Esther Project, proposed to serve the Delano area and eventually the Cokato area in the near future. Please type the following link into your browser to what this project is all about.

Alpha Women's Center Esther Project - YouTube  
Also see Alpha Women's Center 2022 Supporter Video at their Alpha Women's Center Minnesota website

The presentation will be followed by question & answer session. Open to teenagers and adults. Make plans to attend this informational evening on this life saving work. For more information, please call John Novotny at 952-412-3091 or Tim Benoit at 320-282-9389

## SAVE THE DATE

## CHURCH OF OUR LADY

## Sausage & Pancake Supper

Sunday, April 23rd, 4:00pm—7:00pm

(Take out will be available)

Serving: Pancakes, Sausage, apple sauce, beverage and dessert.



## Church of St. Phillip GALA 2023

Friday • April 21st • 2023

St. Phillip's Church Social Hall  
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5:00 p.m. Doors open

5:30 p.m. Happy Hour

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6:00 p.m. Dinner

- Served by V's Grill

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320-693-3313 x 100
- For questions contact Monica Schreiber  
at 320-693-3313 xt. 106

## GALA DONATIONS WANTED!

We are in need of your help please! We are looking for monetary donations (any amount is welcome), gift cards and new items to be used in baskets for our Great Gala Silent Auction! Completed theme baskets can also be donated and are greatly appreciated! We are also in need of clean, quality baskets of any kind. All items can be dropped off to Monica Schreiber at the Parish office before March 31st please. For questions please call Monica Schreiber at 952-288-4676. Thank you so much!



# SUNDAY CONTRIBUTIONS and OFFERINGS FROM THE WEEKEND OF:

March 26, 2023

OFFERINGS	St. John	Our Lady	St. Philip
Youth & Children Envelope		\$35.75	
Adult Envelope	\$1,996.00	\$1,601.00	\$7,746.00
ACH (Auto payment)	\$150.00	\$120.00	
Loose Plate Collection	\$132.60	\$285.00	\$1,058.00
<b>TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERING</b>	<b>\$2,278.60</b>	<b>\$2,041.75</b>	<b>\$8,804.00</b>
Weekly Amount needed for budget	\$3,361.86	\$2,107.66	\$8,333.00
<b>This Week's Difference</b>	<b>(\$1,083.26)</b>	<b>(\$65.91)</b>	<b>\$471.00</b>
YEAR TO DATE SUNDAY OFFERING	\$145,260.93	\$96,537.39	\$295,459.42
Year to Date Budget Needs	\$131,112.54	\$82,198.74	\$316,654.00
<b>YEAR TO DATE DIFFERENCE</b>	<b>\$14,148.39</b>	<b>\$14,338.65</b>	<b>(\$21,194.58)</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!*

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Scan the QR Code with your phone to make a donation!



*If you, a family member, or someone you are caring for is in need of a visit or communion because you or they cannot be at Mass, or if someone is in the hospital, please contact your parish office, or Fr. Brian, so we can make arrangements for a visit.*

Bulletin Announcements: Please have your bulletin announcements to Julie at jschmitz@shepherdofsouls.org. By noon on Tuesday. 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 Fr. Brian or the Parish Office

### BAPTISM PREPARATION GATHERINGS

Baptism preparation gatherings are held quarterly at St. Philip Social Hall. Make reservations please call or text Deacon Roger 320-894-8618 to register.

**Diocesan Catholic Charities:**

**1-866-670-5163**

**Call for Counseling needs**



**Report Suspected abuse of Minors to Civil and Church Authorities:** Diocese of New Ulm Safe Environment 507-233-5301, Meeker County Sheriff Dept. 320-693-5400, National Child Abuse Hotline: 1-800-422-4453



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