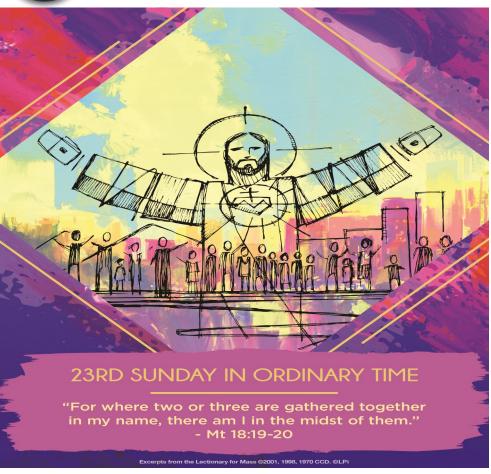
# SHEPHERD OF SOULS AREA FAITH COMMUNITY



# **SEPTEMBER 10, 2023**



#### **AFC MASS SCHEDULE**

<b>Saturday</b> St. Philip, Litchfield5:00pm
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......4:15pm-4:45pm

## **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

## **NEW MEMBER REGISTATION**

To register as members of any of our four parishes go to **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



## **OUR STAFF**

## **PARISH STAFF**

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Sam Mettler, Youth Ministry 764-2755

Bulletin Announcements: Please have your bulletin announcements to Julie at jschmitz@shepherdofsouls.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

## **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.

#### **PASTOR'S LETTER**

September means a major fund raiser for each of our four parishes. This Sunday both St. Philip and St. Anthony have their celebrations. If you are reading this before Sunday, please remind family and friends of the schedule change: Because of the Bazaar at St. Philip, Sunday Sept. 10th the Mass schedule will be changed to 8 am at St. John and 10 am at St. Philip.

Next Sunday St. John has their Fall Festival at the Education Center from 11—2:30.

As we ask families to register their children and youth for the upcoming year of Faith Formation, I ask grandparents and parents to encourage your family members to sign up and participate in this vital process of faith building and catechesis.

We welcome Stephani Donnay-Peters as the new Assistant Faith Formation Coordinator for St. Anthony and Assumption parishes.

Peace be with you, Fr. Jeff Horeisi



Greetings from the School of St. Philip!

I am writing this to you after a busy week of workshops and family events. One of the highlights was meeting with families that are new to our community and school. One family even mentioned that they choose to move into the area because of the Catholic school opportunity. Catholic Schools are an asset to our small communities. We are blessed to have one in our AFC!

In light of this, please support our school as we begin to gather prayer intentions and pledges for this year's marathon. We are so very thankful for your support!

Blessings, Andrea Dietrich School of St. Philip - Principal 320-593-4774/adietrich@schoolofstphilip.org

## St Anthony Church Cleaners:

Church Cleaners: September 3-16: Jeff & Susan Geislinger, Darian & Holly Geislinger, Junior & Sarah Geislinger and Steve & Cindy Geislinger Call Theresa at 764-7251 to unlock.

## St Anthony Mass Ministries, Sun, 10 am

Lector - Jessie Teicher/Michelle Kramer EM- Lori Unterberger MS - Henry & George Landwehr Ushers - TBD Rosary Leader - Knights of Columbus Children Liturgy - Amanda & Misty Hospitality - Marv & Janet Soldner Coffee & Donuts - Kramer Family



## **MASSES & INTENTIONS**

## MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Monday, September 11

No Mass

## **Tuesday, September 12**

St Anthony, Watkins 6:00 pm ...... † Gladys Grossinger St Philip, Litchfield 6:00 pm ...... † Bill Peltier

## Wednesday, September 13

## Thursday, September 14

St. John, Darwin 8:00 am ...... † Chris Hansen Meeker Manor, Litchfield 10:00 am ...... † Don Putney (KC)

## Friday, September 15

Our Lady, Manannah 8:00 am ......† Linda Abraham St. Philip, Litchfield 8:30 am ......† Esther Magedanz

## Saturday, September 16

St. Philip, Litchfield 5:00 pm ......† Louise Schutz

## **Sunday, September 17**

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 <a href="https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?">https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?</a> 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, Gloria Anderson. 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, JoAnn Topp. 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, Mike Ackerman, 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. 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 the early bulletin deadline for Labor Day we do not have weekend collection numbers. We will have them next weekend.

## **HAPPENING THIS WEEK**

## **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**

OL 1:00 pm... Quilting OL 6:40 pm... CCW Rosary OL 7:00 pm CCW Meeting

## **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**

StP 8:30 am....Rosary
StP 9:00 am....Bible Time
StP 9:00 am....Mission Quilters
StP 12:00 pm...Gaming Committee
StA 6:30 pm... Book Study
StP 7:00 pm ... KC Meeting
StA 7:30 pm ... Capital Campaign/Church
Interior

## **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**

StJ 8:30 am....Quilting
AFC 4:00 pm ....RCIA Team
School 5:00 pm..... School Committee
StA 6:30 pm.....Faith Formation Gr 7-10
StJ 6:30 pm .....Faith Formation Class Gr K-10
StP 6:30 pm .....Faith Formation Kick Off
OL 6:45 pm...Faith Formation Kick Off Gr 3-11

## **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**

AFC 4:00 pm.. Social Concerns Meeting @StP AFC 5:00 pm ....Prayer Shawl Meeting StP 6:30 pm...Music Meeting

## **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**

StP 8:00 am....Rosary School 2:00 pm .... Marathon Rally StP 7:00 pm....Spanish Rosary

## **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16**

StA 7:30 am....Men's Group @EV StP 9:30 am .... Women at the Well StJ 11:00 am.... Rosary @ StJ Grotto

## **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**

OL 8:45 am .... OL Sunday School StP 9:15 am ....StP Sunday school StJ 11 am— 2:30 pm..... St. John Fall Festival @ Education Center

**Our Lady CCW Meeting** - Please join us on Monday, September 11 for Rosary in the Church at 6:40 pm followed at 7:00 pm with our bimonthly CCW Meeting. We will have a report on our Ice Cream Social. Hope to see you there!

## **READINGS FOR THE WEEK-SEPTEMBER 10**

**Sunday**: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 13:8-10/Mt

18:15-20

**Monday**: Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:6-11

**Tuesday:** Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11/Lk 6:12-19

**Wednesday**: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/Lk 6:20-26 **Thursday**: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-

11/Jn 3:13-17

**Friday:** 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Jn

19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

**Saturday**: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 6:43-

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**Next Sunday**: Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 (8)/

Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35



## **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, September 19

9:00 am Adoration Begins, 5:45 pm Benediction Everyone is welcome to come and pray!

## St. Anthony Adoration

We have an open hour of Eucharistic Adoration on Fridays at 7am. Contact Heidi at 320-250-1091 if interested.



Our Condolences to the Family of Mary Colleen Hemstreet, mother of Terri Drange. May Mary rest in eternal peace. The obituary can be found at www.johnsonhagglundcom

**Fatima Rosary Rally** - Saturday 9/16 @ 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 prayers.

**Wanted**: More members of our AFC Social Concerns Committee. Our next meeting is Sept. 14 at 4 pm, but we may be willing to change our time to accommodate your schedule. If you are interested, please email <u>frjeff@shepherdofsouls.org</u> or call or text 320-221-4120. Fr. Jeff

## **FAITH FORMATION**

# ST. ANTHONY FAITH FORMATION VOLUNTEERS

We are in search of an 8th grade aide. After prayerfully considering please reach out to the Faith Formation Office at either 320-453-5765 or <a href="mailto:evwcatholic@gmail.com">evwcatholic@gmail.com</a>.

## St. Anthony Faith Formation Registration Letters, Forms and Schedules

Please take a moment to fill out your Faith Formation registration form and return, with payment, to the office, give to the parish office, place in the basket in church, or place in the Sunday collection basket. Call 320-453-5765 if you have questions. Extra forms are in the basket at church.

# Donations for St. Anthony's Family Faith Formation

A light supper will be provided, once a month, for St. Anthony's Family Faith Formation Nights. If you are able to donate money to set the cost please call our office at 320-453-5765 or drop your monetary donation in the collection marked "Food for Faith Formation Nights". Thank you for your support.

## Faith Formation Schedule

Sept 13 - Classes for 7th-10th grades 6:30-8pm

Sept 20 - Family Faith Formation (K-6th Grade w/parents) 5:45-7:45pm Sept 27 -

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

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

## St. Anthony Catechetical Sunday

Faith Formation Volunteers are invited to receive a blessing at the Sunday, September 17th Mass. We thank all the volunteers that step up to witness to the faith through teaching, aiding, supervising, feeding and witnessing in the faith formation program. Blessings on a fruitful year May the Holy Spirit fill you with the graces needed.

## **Our Lady Faith Formation**

**Sunday School** - We will begin Sunday School on Sunday, September 10th for the Preschool, 1st grade and 2nd grade students. They will gather in the Gathering Area after communion at the 8:00 am Mass and go over to the Parish Center for class time. Parents can enjoy some fellowship in the Parish Center while they wait for class to dismiss. Looking forward to seeing all of our young children again!

**Wednesday Evening Class—Grades 3 to Grade 11** - We begin Class with our Kick-Off on Wednesday, Sept. 13th. With Mass at 6:45 pm followed by parent meeting and fellowship.

## St. Philip Faith Formation

The 2023-24 faith formation year is soon to begin at St. Philip's! We are still looking for catechists for grades 8, 9, 10, and for 11<sup>th</sup> grade girls. Responsibilities include reviewing curriculum with students using lesson plans that I prepare and send to catechists ahead of time, facilitating small group discussion, and providing guidance and support to the youth. Please consider helping our youth! If you are interested or would like more information, contact Nathan Stewart, Parish Catechetical Leader.

## **Bona Fide High School Group**

As a new year begins, applications for our high school leadership group called Bona Fide are being accepted! Bona Fide is a Latin phrase which means "in good faith" or "authentic faith." This group, grades 9-12, is based out of Assumption and St. Anthony parishes, but others are welcome to join! If you are interested in opportunities to help out in youth ministry, learn more about the Catholic faith, and take intentional steps to be a disciple of Christ, Bona Fide may be for you. The application process is simple. Send an email to <a href="evwyouthminis-try@gmail.com">evwyouthminis-try@gmail.com</a> stating why you are interested in Bona Fide and Sam will reach back out to you to give you more details about the group. <a href="mailto:The next Bona Fide meeting is September">The next Bona Fide meeting is September</a> 24th at St. Anthony in Watkins from 7:00-8:30pm.

## **Youth Ministry Nights**

Welcome back students to a new school year! A slight change has been made to the Youth Ministry program this year. Youth Nights will happen once a month at either St. Anthony in Watkins or Assumption in Eden Valley for grades 7-12 as a collective. This means that grades 7-12 will come together for these nights. I would like to invite students from any local area parishes to come to these nights! These nights will be from 6:45pm to 8:15pm and will entail games, snacks, fellowship, prayer, and a lesson/talk. The goal of these nights is to equip students with a better understanding of the Catholic Faith, to grow in relationship with one another, and to spread the joy of the Gospel in an authentic way. The first youth night will be at Assumption parish in Eden Valley on September 19th.

## St. John Fall Festival Announcements

**Garden Stand/Bake Sale**: There will be a garden stand that will have vegetables from the community garden and you can donate home grown items from your garden or fresh canned items if you have excess. If you like to bake we will also have a bake sale. Bring garden & baked items the times listed under silent auction

**Volunteer Sign Up:** We need volunteers to make the fall festival a success. Sign up will be in back of church on the weekend. This is an excellent opportunity for families to share their time and talent. It is also a great way for the youth to get involved in our parish. If you did not get your name on the sign up sheet and want to help please call or text Wes Hoffman 612-310-6262

**Raffle Tickets**: If you need more you can contact the parish office 320-693-9496, please drop off sold tickets to parish office or place in collection basket by Sept 10th, or the morning of the festival at the Ed Center

**Silent Auction:** In order to make the Silent Auction a successful part of our fall festival we need you to donate a theme basket, ideas are endless.....ideas include......faith, MN, school supplies, movie night, garden, pets, baby, camping, canned goods, kitchen, BBQ. Drop off will be at Ed Center Friday Sept 16th 3p-7p, Saturday Sept 17th 10a-4p or the morning of the festival. Drop off at the ED Center Friday Sept 15 3-7 pm or Church basement will be Saturday Sept 16th between 10 am & 4 pm or call Wes Hoffman 612-310-6262 for other options

**Book Study on the Eucharist** Do you wish you had a better understanding of the Eucharist? Wish you could defend it better? Join us for a 5 week book study on Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist: Unlocking the Secrets of the Last Supper by Brant Pitre. This book shines fresh light on the Last Supper by looking at it through Jewish eyes. The study will be on Tuesdays after the 6PM Mass at St. Anthony's starting on September 12th. Books will be provided for free and handed out on the first night. Contact Jessie in the office with questions.

**Bible Time** - "Why We Worship" By Dr. Brant Pitre. Many Catholics know what to do at Mass, but not why we do it. And many non-Catholics are confused by the rituals and words of the Mass. Some even think that most of the Mass is just 'made up' - a tradition of men. Nothing could be further from the truth. If you've ever wondered about wether or not the Mass is biblical, then look no further: Why We Worship is the perfect resource for parishes, RCIA programs and Bible Studies.

Join us at "Bible Time" beginning Tuesday September 5th at 9:00 am in the St. Philip's classroom off the social hall.

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive in Watkins on Tuesday, September 19, from 12-6 pm at the St. Anthony Church Social Hall. Blood donations are needed to help save accident victims, cancer and surgery patients and many others who are in need. You can choose your time and schedule your appointment by using the Blood Donor App or at redcrossblood.org or by calling 1-800-733-2767. Thanks to all who have already made an appointment. Donate blood and give the gift of life. We hope to see you on the 19th.

-Watkins Blood Drive Committee

## **ChristLife: Discovering Christ**

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

## You're invited to Discover Christ!

This fall, our AFC is hosting a unique faith enhancing opportunity to anyone 18 years or older who would like to get to know Jesus on a more personal level. You are invited to "See Jesus Differently". Find more information or to register, go to https:// www.shepherdofsouls.org/ christlife.

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

We are looking to start up a young adult group 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 meetings on August 28th and September 11th at 6PM at the St. John's Ed Center. Contact Havle Hurley for more information at 763-600-2310.

## THIS WEEK ON FORMED **Topics**

\*Fun with Exalting the Holy Cross/Catholic All Year w/ **Kendra Tierney** \*Drawing Strength from Our **Lady of Sorrows by Kimberly** Hahn \*Our Lady of Sorrows and the **Power of Prayer** 

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.







St. Philip's Church Bazaar & 18th annual Car Show!

Sunday, September 10, 2023 at

The Church of St. Philip 11:00-3:00 p.m. 821 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street / Litchfield, MN 55355 Mass in the Church Proper –10:00 a.m. \*\*<u>This is a special mass time for this event</u>

Mexican Food Stand, KC Food Stand, Pie & Ice cream, Root beer Floats,

Beverages by V's Bar & Grill Music by Kirk & Andy/Cowboys In Sneakers Kids Games, Bingo, Pull Tabs, Farmers Market, Wheel of Prize

\$10.00 Raffle - Raffle Drawings - 2:00pm 1st prize \$2,000.00 \* 2nd \$1,000.00 \* 3rd \$500.00 \* 4th \$250.00 \* 5th-9th \$100 prizes \* 10th-19th \$75 prizes Additional books of tickets are available at the Parish Office

ALL SOLD & UNSOLD RAFFLE TICKETS MUST BE RETURNED. We can't wait to see you at the Bazaar!

## WHATS GOING ON

St. John's Catholic Church



Sunday, September 17, 2023 11:00 - 2:30 pm St. John's Ed Center 17260 US Hwy 12 Cokato

11-1:30 Smoked Pulled Pork & Chicken Dinner \$15.00/plate
 Hot Dog lunch/snack stand \$5 lunch (hot dog, chips, drink)

- - •11a-2p Silent Auction
  - •11:30a-1:30p Meat Raffle
  - •2:30 Cash & Quilt Raffle Drawings Garden Stand/Bake Sale **Kids Games**



Can't wait to see you at the Festival!

CHURCH OF OUR LADY MANANNAH 57482 CSAH 3, Grove City (Manannah)

## **Grilled Smoked PORK CHOP** SUPPER & RAFFLE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023 SERVING FROM 4:00 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

Cost Adults \$12.00 Ages 6-12 \$6.00 under 5 Free Menu: Grilled Smoked Pork Chops, Au gratin Potatoes, Corn, bread & dessert

Country Store & Cash Bingo

Tickets for the raffle are currently being sold by all Church of Our Lady members.

\$5.00 per ticket - \$50.00 per book (10 chances) Drawing September 24th 2023 at 7 p.m.

Winner Need Not Be Present