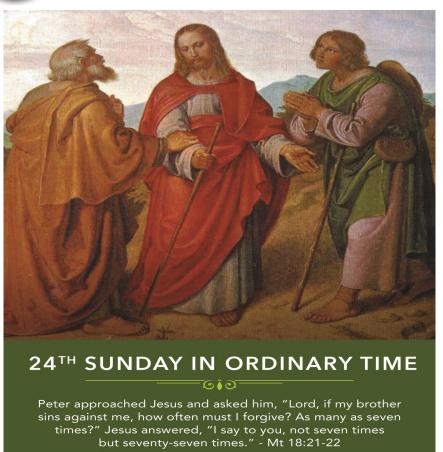
SHEPHERD OF SOULS AREA FAITH COMMUNITY



SEPTEMBER 17, 2023



AFC MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 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. JohnAfter 8:00am Mass St. AnthonyAfter 8:30am Mass (3rd, 4th & 5th Thursday)

Friday

Our LadyAfter 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



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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 St. John has their Fall Festival at the Education Center from 11—2:30. And, next Sunday Our Lady has their Pork Chop Supper from 4-7 pm.

As we begin a new year of Faith Formation, we ask God to bless our catechists that they form our youth well.

Peace be with you,

Fr. Jeff Horejsi



Greetings from the School of St. Philip!

As I write this, we have just finished our first week of school. It has been so wonderful to have the hallways filled with children. Their joy and laughter make each day a blessing. One highlight of the week was celebrating our first school mass together. It happened to land on the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. She is one of the best examples of how to be in life; be courageous, have faith, say yes, and God will take care of everything else. Thank you for supporting our school with prayers and marathon pledges.

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK-SEPTEMBER 17

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

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6/Lk

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 7:31-35 Thursday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13 Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-

Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 8:4-15 Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

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 - Tammy Winter/Heidi Schoenecker EM- Lori Dockendorf MS - Brennen & Kellen Huberty Ushers - Nick Vossen, Ron Molitor, Laurie Molitor & Kenny Asfeld Rosary Leader - Kevin & Erin Donnay Children Liturgy - Donna & Rose Hospitality - Eric & Kaila Schmitt Coffee & Donuts - Huberty Family



MASSES & INTENTIONS

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Monday, September 18

No Mass

Tuesday, September 19

St Anthony, Watkins 6:00 pm † Gerald Schreder St Philip, Litchfield 6:00 pm † James & Lois Filzen

Wednesday, September 20

Hilltop Care Center, Watkins 10:30 am.....† Marlene Kramer St. John, Ed Center 7:15 pm - Family Mass Faith Formation Students

Thursday, September 21

Friday, September 22

Our Lady, Manannah 8:00 am New Ulm Seminarians St. Philip, Litchfield 8:30 am† Beverley Lindell (CCW)

Saturday, September 23

St. Philip, Litchfield 5:00 pm† Paul Gabrielson

Sunday, September 24

Mass live streaming on our website using Facebook Live every Saturday at 5:00 pm St. Philip, Sunday at 8:00 am at St. Philip & Our Lady, Sunday 10:00 am at St. John. You can follow us at https://www.facebook.com/profile.php? id=100069068800296 The video will remain on our website after the mass is over.

Please pray for those who are sick in the Parish especially...

St.P: Todd Wheeler, Isaac Buhr, Beckie Schaefer, Dan Curran, Fran Tintes, Jasper Kargas, Antonio Franco, Sylvia Johnson, Jon Laney, Jan Paulson, Jordan Munson, Robin, Caitlin Pitts, Karen Marsh, Shirley Buck, Mary Knutson, Tim Kapperman, Kay Grams, Philip Johnson, Dale Andersen, Darlene Putney, Addie Fairbairn, Carol Huhner, Peg Shaw, Roberta Meyer, Jeremy Munson, Carole Becker, Jim Knott, Virginia Ourada, Marge Hanson, Pat Aaker, Jodi Henricksen Winkles, Summer Franco, Florence Rezek, Cordelia Lewandoski, Julie Eck, Pat Munson, Jeremy Munson, 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, Rosie Boyer, Art Haag, Tom Koenig. Prayer line phone number 693-8900.

St.J: Ednel Diedrich, Susan Hummel, Alivia Hemsworth, Amber Walker, Alec McLean, Marlys Roehl, Luis Larios, Troy Kotila, Kim (Elke) Jack, Raylan Russel, Kathy Thissen, Patrick Ecklund, 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, Joyce Manske. Prayer Line phone number 764-2755.

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

Stewardship

SUNDAY CONTRIBUTIONS and OFFERINGS FROM THE WEEKEND OF: Sept. 3 & Sept 10, 2023								
OFFERINGS	St. John		Our Lady		St. Philip		St. Anthony	
Youth & Children Envelope	\$0.00/\$0.00		\$35.25/\$17.00		\$0.00/\$0.00		\$0.00/\$6.00	
Adult Envelope	\$7,452/\$3,730.00		\$1,565/\$911.00		\$9,853.00/\$3,342.00		\$2,665/\$1,261	
ACH (Auto payment)	\$270.00/\$30.00		\$245/\$200		\$985.00/\$0.00		\$700.00/\$700.00	
Loose Plate Collection	\$142.50/\$103.50		\$73.00/\$172.00		\$677.00/\$399.00		\$327.00/\$397.00	
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERING	\$7864.50/\$3863.50		\$1,918.25/\$1,300		\$11,515/\$3,741		\$3,692/\$2,364	
Weekly Amount needed for budget	\$3,726.00		\$2,216.00		\$8,365.33		\$3,077.00	
This Week's Difference	\$4,138.50/\$137.50		(\$298)/(\$916)		\$3149.67/ (\$4624.33)		\$615/(\$713)	
YEAR TO DATE SUNDAY OFFERING	\$35,262.25		\$19,973.00		\$92,540.74		\$37,454.00	
Year to Date Budget Needs	\$40,986.00		\$24,376.00		\$92,018.63		\$33,847.00	
YEAR TO DATE DIFFERENCE	(\$5,723.75)		(\$4,403.00)		\$522.11		\$3,607.00	

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, SEPTEMBER 18

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

StP 8:30 am....Rosary

StP 9:00 am....Bible Time

StP 9:00 am....Mission Ouilters

StP 9:00 am....Adoration Begins

StP 5:45 pmBenediction

StA 6:30 pm... Book Study

StA 6:45 pm.. Youth Night @ Assumption

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

StJ 8:30 am....Quilting

StP 5:00 pm..... Faith Formation Gr 4-6

StA 5:45 pm.....Faith Formation Gr K-6 w/Parents

StJ 6:30 pmFaith Formation Mass & Class Gr K-10

StP 6:30 pmFaith Formation Gr 7-11

OL 6:45 pm.....Faith Formation Gr 3-11

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.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

StP 6:30 pm...Parish Administrative Council

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

StP 8:00 am....Rosary

School 2:00 pm Marathon Rally

StP 6:30 pm.... Prayer Vigil in Spanish

StP 7:00 pm....Spanish Rosary

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

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

StA 8:00 am.. Women's Group

StP 8:00 am Band of Brothers Bible Study

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

StJ 8:30 am... 11th Grade Faith Formation

OL 8:45 am OL Sunday School

OL 4–7:00 pm..... Pork Chop Supper & Raffle



Our Condolences to the Family of Grace Wolter, mother of Ray Wolter. May Grace rest in eternal peace. The obituary can be found at www.williamdingman.com

THIS WEEK ON FORMED Topics:

*Padre Pio: Miracle Man *The Calling of Matthew

*The Reluctant Saint: The Story of St. Joesph

FAITH FORMATION

St. Anthony Faith Formation Registration Letters, Forms and Schedules - If you have not yet filled out your registration please do so & return to the office.

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 20 - Family Faith Formation (K-6th Grade w/parents) 5:45-7:45pm
Sept 27 - Classes for 7th-10th gr 6:30-8pm
Class for 11th grade w/parent(s) 6:30-8pm
Oct 4 - Classes for 7th-10th gr 6:30-8pm
Oct 11 - Family Faith Formation (K-6th Grade w/parents) 5:45-7:45pm

St. Anthony Catechetical Sunday

Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all Catholics to rededicate themselves to the mission of handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel as a community of faith. On this day we especially recognize the time, talent and dedication of our teachers, aides and all the volunteers that support our faith formation program. May they be filled with the Holy Spirit and receive the necessary graces to continue their work with the students and families. May we all consider ways we can be better witnesses for Jesus Christ ourselves. Please keep the volunteers, families and students in your prayers during this year.

<u>Faith Formation Schedule for this week</u> <u>St. Philip—Wed, Sept 20</u>

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, Sept 20

6:45 pm Faith Formation Class Gr 3-11 <u>Sunday School</u>—Preschool to Gr 2 after Communion until 9:45 am

St. John - Wed, Sept 20

6:30 pm Faith Formation Class Gr K-10 **Sunday, Sept 24** - 8:30 am Faith Formation class for Gr 11 at the Church

St. Anthony - Wed, Sept 20

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

Our Lady Faith Formation –Today we celebrate Catechetical Sunday, a day we honor those who have said yes to teaching our young people the faith.

Thank you to our Teachers, subs, and helpers here at Our Lady. We are blessed with the best.

Pre K- Bridget Whitcomb and Karlene Wallace; k-1- Janna Bjur;2-Shirley Knisley; 3-Sue Wallace; 4-Tyler Wallace; 5-Joyce Lipinski; 6 & 7- Judy Haag and Joe Flanders; 8- Karlene Wallace; 9- Deb McCann; 10-Janet Johnson; 11-Terri Drange our subs and helpers: Diana McCarney, Jammie McCarney, Sue Carlson, Laci McCann, Pam Osborne, class helpers: Eli and Chezney Whitcomb, Elizabeth Thyen, And Peyton Finger.

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. 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 evwyouthministry@gmail.com stating why you are interested in Bona Fide and Sam will reach back out to you to give you more details about the group. The next Bona Fide meeting is September 17th at St. Anthony in Watkins from 7:00-8:30pm. Please note the date change!

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.

God's Girls - Girls in grades 7th-12th are invited to attend the first God's Girls get-together this school year! We will be meeting at Assumption on September 24th from 2:00-3:30pm. In this meeting, there will be a video shown with discussion afterwards, snacks and an opportunity to bond over board or card games!



Have You Heard?

WE ARE IN THE MIDST OF A NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL!

The Church needs healing, and the world needs

Jesus. The Holy Spirit is inviting us to return to the
source and summit of our faith—the Eucharist.



eucharisticrevivaLorg

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 October 1.

Women's Area Faith Coffee Talk Saturday, October 7, 2023,

9:00 am

Church of St. Philip Social Hall

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

Sponsors: Family Fare & Thrivent Financial

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. 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



For more info go to: eucharisticrevival.org Or: dnu.org eucharistic revival to register for tickets only.

Book Study on the Eucharist It's not too late to join the Tuesday night book study on Brant Pitre's book *Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist* at St. Anthony's. We will meet for 4 more weeks after the 6:30 PM Tuesday Mass. Call/email Jessie at the St. Anthony office if you would still like to join us.

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 Tuesday's at 9:00 am in the St. Philip's classroom off the social hall.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE.

THE TIME IS HERE---For our ST CLOUD 40 DAYS **FOR LIFE** Campaign. We will again be on the public sidewalk peacefully praying from 7am-7pm from WED SEPT 27 to NOV 5, 2023 on MON through FRI each week. Our OPENING Rally is THURSDAY SEPT 28 at **St Augustine's** Catholic Church. Featured speaker is **Dr Haywood Robinson** who was a former abortionist, but now is Medical Director & Educator for 40 Days For Life. He will tell the story of his journey from abortionist to LIFE ACTIVIST, including his powerful conversion to which he marvels at the amazing MERCY of Almighty God!! We will have his book "SCALPEL and the SOUL" available for sale. After his talk, we will gather for refreshments, a time to share, and to "sign up" for this campaign, WE NEED YOU to join us for this campaign. If you are a "regular" vigiler & have not already done so, please sign up now, so that your captains can get their hours scheduled & fill the rest of their hours in time for the FALL campaign.

See poster or contact Judy Haag at <u>judy4life@meltel.net</u> 320-453-7592

You can sign up at: https://signup.com/go/SKyavGJ

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!

WHATS GOING ON

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



Email

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!

Who: YOU! And anyone who is 18+, curious, and wants more.

What: Dinner, video teaching, small group discussion, and fun!

When: 7 Sundays: October 8 - November 26, 6:00-8:30 + 1 Saturday retreat

Where: St. Philip's Catholic Church, Litchfield, MN

Why? Because you are worth it! No fee, no homework, no reading,

Would you use

Childcare?

Yes

No

	Community	no studying, no pressure. Jesus wants to meet you as you are. Registration deadline: October 1, 2023					
	Registration Form—Cut out, com	plete and return to church collection basket					
Name		Age					
Address		Phone					
City State		Parish					