

# SHEPHERD OF SOULS AREA FAITH COMMUNITY



## JANUARY 14, 2024

### 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

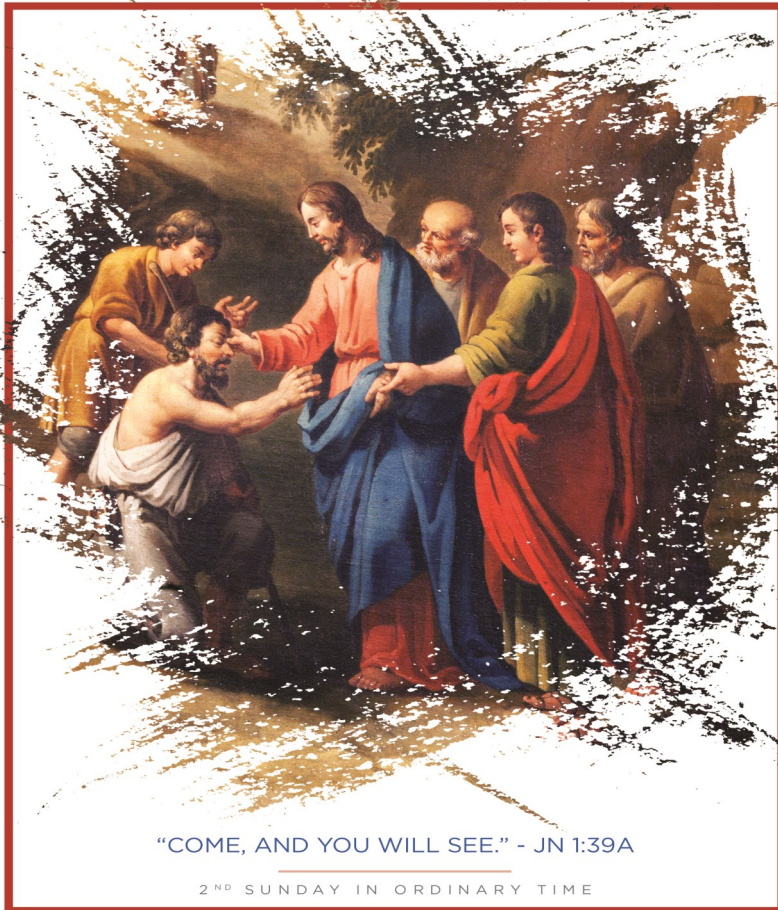
St. John After 8:00am Mass

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*



"COME, AND YOU WILL SEE." - JN 1:39A

2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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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### LITCHFIELD CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP

821 East 5th Street | Litchfield, MN 55355 | 320-693-3313

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106 N. 4th Street | Darwin, MN 55324  
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# WELCOME!

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## OUR STAFF

### PARISH STAFF

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK- JANUARY 14

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a)/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42  
Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22  
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28  
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6  
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12  
Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19  
Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21  
Next Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

## PASTOR'S LETTER

This weekend we honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He was best known for his nonviolent struggle for Civil Rights, but he also worked to overcome poverty and for peace.

Please put on your calendar the next Encounter Night of Adoration and Reconciliation: February 22 at St. Philip from 7-8pm with refreshments to follow.

Peace be with you,  
Fr. Jeff Horejsi

Greetings from the  
School of St. Philip!



As a mom and a teacher, I feel like I repeat myself several times a day. In this week's first reading, I imagine that God must be feeling the same way as he calls to Samuel over and over. I AM SO THANKFUL THAT GOD DOES THIS FOR US! Imagine how different our lives would be if He called us only once. This thought renews me in my efforts to reach the little ones in our care each day at school. Daily prayer and practice of listening skills will hopefully help them to hear when the most important call comes.

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


**Volunteers Needed** - Do you have a special hobby or interest that you would like to share with our students at the School of St. Philip? Do you know someone who does? We would like your help. On Wednesday of Catholic Schools Week-January 31, 2024- we will be participating in Mini-courses. It is a special day for the students to learn new skills and have a little bit of fun. We are looking for creative ideas such as a card game, a board game, a craft project, an easy food item, a dance, or an art project to name a few. We plan on doing three 45-minute sessions from 8:30am-10:45am. Call the school office at 320-693-6283 or email at [mroers@schoolofstphilip.org](mailto:mroers@schoolofstphilip.org) with any questions or to reserve a spot. Thank you in advance for your help.



**St Anthony Church Cleaners:**  
Church Cleaners: January 14-27  
Jack & Rachel Kinzer, Gary & Arlis  
Klein, Jason & Jen Klein, Joe &  
Mary Kramer and families.  
Call Theresa at 764-7251 to unlock.

Thank you to the Earl & Donna  
Dockendorf family for the new  
votive stands in front  
of the St. Anthony  
statue in the front of  
church in memory of  
their parents.



 Our Condolences to the  
Family of Paulette Liest-  
man. May Paulette rest in  
eternal peace. The obitu-  
ary can be found at  
[www.johnsonhagglund.com](http://www.johnsonhagglund.com)

Our Condolences to the family &  
friends of Will Zachman. May Will  
rest in eternal peace. The obituary  
can be found at  
[www.johnsonhagglund.com](http://www.johnsonhagglund.com).

Bulletin Announcements: Please  
have your bulletin  
announcements to Julie at  
[jschmitz@shepherdsouls.org](mailto:jschmitz@shepherdsouls.org). By  
noon on Monday. Thank you!

# MASSSES & INTENTIONS

## MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

### Monday, January 15

No Mass

### Tuesday, January 16

St Philip, Litchfield 6:00 pm ..... † Marvin Feakes

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

### Wednesday, January 17

Hilltop Care Center, Watkins 10:30 am ..... † Iris Donnay

### Thursday, January 18

St. John, Darwin 8:00 am ..... No Mass

St. Anthony, Watkins 8:30 am ..... CCW Members

### Friday, January 19

Our Lady, Manannah 8:00 am ..... No Mass

St. Philip, Litchfield 8:30 am ..... Gunnar Pitts

### Saturday, January 20

St. Philip, Litchfield 4:00 pm ..... Living & Deceased Family (CL)

### Sunday, January 21

St. Philip, Litchfield 8:00 am ..... † Fr. Jack Berner

Our Lady, Manannah 8:00 am ..... † Krista Harms

St. John, Darwin 10:00 am ..... † Jim Hansen

St. Anthony, Watkins 10:00 am ..... † Evelyn Hansen

St. Philip, Litchfield 12:00 pm (Spanish) ..... People of the Parish

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, Gunnar Pitts. Prayer Line phone number 593-8944.

**OL:** Prayer Line: Mary Kalkbrenner, George Pfeffer, Dolores Wiechmann, Mary Hansen, Josephine Valiant, Rosie Boyer, Art Haag, JoAnn Topp. Prayer line phone number 693-8900.

**St.J:** Ednel Diedrich, Alec McLean, Marlys Roehl, Troy Kotila, Kim (Elke) Jack, Kathy Thissen, Robert 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, Helena Posusta, David & Margaret Backus, Jeff Peller, Cindy Schmidt. 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: December 31,23/ January 7,24				
OFFERINGS	St. John	Our Lady	St. Philip	St. Anthony
Youth & Children Envelope	\$0.00	\$20.00/\$36.00	\$0.00	\$6.00/\$6.00
Adult Envelope	\$3,990/\$2,235	\$5,530/\$2,165	\$4,916/\$7,314	\$5,405/\$1,720
ACH (Auto payment)	\$2,365.00/\$0.00	\$505.00/\$245.00	\$1,140.00/\$0.00	\$710/\$710
Loose Plate Collection	\$239.75/\$132.50	\$220.00/\$44.00	\$646/\$3,204	\$272.99/\$163
<b>TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERING</b>	<b>\$6,594.75/ \$2,367.50</b>	<b>\$6,275/\$2,490</b>	<b>\$6,702/\$10,518</b>	<b>\$6,393.99/ \$2,599</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>\$2,868.75/ (\$1,358.50)</b>	<b>\$4,059.00/\$275.00</b>	<b>(\$1,663.33)/ \$2,152.67</b>	<b>\$3,316.99/ (\$478.00)</b>
YEAR TO DATE SUNDAY OFFERING	\$108,020.47	\$65,193.00	\$266,224.50	\$105,709.00
Year to Date Budget Needs	\$104,328.00	\$62,048.00	\$234,229.24	\$86,156.00
<b>YEAR TO DATE DIFFERENCE</b>	<b>\$3,692.47</b>	<b>\$3,145.00</b>	<b>\$31,995.26</b>	<b>\$19,553.00</b>
<b>Christmas Collection 2023</b>	\$5,140.00	\$7,154.00	\$15,065.00	\$14,945.00
<b>Christmas Budget</b>	\$6,500.00	\$9,000.00	\$19,000.00	\$15,000.00
<b>Difference</b>	<b>(\$1,360.00)</b>	<b>(\$1,846.00)</b>	<b>(\$3,935.00)</b>	<b>(\$55.00)</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, JANUARY 15

#### MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY—OFFICES CLOSED

StP 6:00 pm.... Mat Pietra  
OL 6:40 pm ....Rosary  
OL 7:00 pm....CCW Meeting  
AFC 6:45 pm....Youth Night @StP

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

StP 8:30 am....Rosary  
StP 9:00 am....Mission Quilters  
StP 9:00 am ....Bible Time  
StP 9:00 am....Adoration Begins  
StP 11:00 am.... Chair Pietra  
StP 5:45pm....Benediction

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

StJ 8:30 am....Quilting  
StP 5:00 pm....Faith Formation Class Gr 4-6  
StA 5:45 pm....Family Faith Formation Gr K-6 w/ Parents  
StJ 5:45 pm....Jesus & the Eucharist  
StP 6:30 pm....Faith Formation Class Gr 7-11  
StJ 6:30 pm....Faith Formation Class Gr K-11  
OL 6:30 pm....Meal & Faith Formation Class Gr 3-11  
AFC 6:45 pm...RCIA



### THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

StJ 9:05 am... Bible Study

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

StP 8:00 am...Rosary

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

StA 7:30 am....Men's Group @EV  
StP 9:30 am....Women at the Well  
StJ 10:00 am...Come & Paly Preschool @ Ed Center

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

StA 8:00 am Chicken Noodle Soup & Bouja Sale  
OL 8:45 AM ....Sunday School  
StP 9:15 am.... Sunday School  
StJ 10:00 am.. Children's Liturgy  
StJ 11:00 am... Breakfast By Faith Formation  
StP 11:20 am...Spanish Rosary  
AFC 6:00 pm....Following Christ

#### 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, January 16

Adoration begins at 9:00 am, Benediction 5:45 pm

Everyone is welcome to come and pray!

# FAITH FORMATION

## Faith Formation Schedule for this week

### St. Philip—Wed, Jan 17

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, Jan 17

January 17 -Class with supper at 6:30 then spiritual adoption to follow

January 24 - Class grades 3-11

January 29 -NET retreat

January 31 -Class grades 3-11

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

### St. John - Wed, Jan 17

6:30 pm Faith Formation Class Gr K-11

### St. Anthony - Wed, Jan 17

Jan 17 - 5:45-7:45 pm Family Faith Formation K-6th Gr w/Parents

Jan 24 - Class ONLY for 11th graders and parent(s) hosted in **Eden Valley** 6:30-8pm (note the location change)

Jan 31 - Classes for 7th-10th graders 6:30-8pm

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

## St. Anthony 10th Grade Parent and Student Meeting

– Meeting for 10th grade students and their parents on Sunday, January 28th (after the 10am Mass). The meeting will take place at St. Anthony's in Watkins.

## The Call of Jesus to Follow Him

### A Youth Night

Jan. 24th

**Who:** Grades 7th-12th

**Where:** Church of St. Anthony in Watkins, MN

**When:** 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm



There will be food and games, followed by guest speaker Fr. Doug Liebsch.

Fr. Doug will share his own story of being called to the priesthood and how each of us are challenged to follow Jesus on a particular path.

Praise and Worship in Adoration with musician Joe Eicher will end our night!



Contact Sam at [evwyouthministry@gmail.com](mailto:evwyouthministry@gmail.com) with any questions

## 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

**Shepherd of Souls Youth Nights** - Our next youth night will be held Monday, Jan. 15, 6:45-8:15 PM, in the St. Philip Social Hall. Open to all youth in grades 5-12. Come join us for games, activities, snacks, social time, and prayer! Bring a friend!

## St Anthony January Family Faith Formation Speaker

You are invited to join our Family Formation Program Night on Wednesday, January 17th. This month's Speaker is Erin Donnay: Erin is a member of St. Anthony's Church in Watkins. She will be speaking in Watkins on the topic "The Call: Are You Listening?" (Vocations and Holy Orders). The speaker portion of the night begins at roughly 6:15pm and lasts roughly 25 minutes. After the speaker there may be time for Q&A or small group discussion which you are welcome to stay for as well. If you have any questions you may call the office at 453-5765.

**St. Anthony Family Tubing** - Families are invited to come join us for laser light tubing Feb. 16th at Powder Ridge in Kimball from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Ages four and up are allowed on the tubing slopes with parents. Participants from St. Anthony and Assumption get a \$10 discount, so cost is \$20 per tuber. Please RSVP by Jan. 26th to Sam at [evwyouthministry@gmail.com](mailto:evwyouthministry@gmail.com) and he will send you waiver forms for the event. Make out your payment to your home parish.

**Winter Blues? Feeling cooped up? COME PLAY!!!!** Preschool through third graders accompanied by a parent are welcome at the ED center Every Saturday in January from 10:00-11:30am for fun runs and games. Parents, you can play too or go to the designated parent room and get a bit of relaxation of your own with fellowship and doughnuts. One adult per family must stay on site. Upon leaving the Ed Center a bag snack will be provided for your little, so no one starves on the way home. There is no charge for this event. Please contact Paula Baert for more information at (612) 206-4203

**Interested in volunteering for EVW Youth Ministry?** Do you feel called to help guide youth in truth, prayer, and leadership? Would you like to help make a difference at youth events? Sam would like to get an official call list of volunteers for the Youth Ministry program. Programs like Youth Nights, summer activities, weekends retreat, Bona Fide, etc. need adult volunteers to help as supervisors, drivers, and more. If you're interested in helping, no matter what age you are, please contact Sam at [evwyouthministry@gmail.com](mailto:evwyouthministry@gmail.com) or 3206307590. Don't worry if you're not Safe Environment trained. It's easy to get trained without much hassle. If you're already helping, Sam still wants your response.



NATIONAL  
**Eucharistic  
Revival**  
DIOCESE OF NEW ULM

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

Before He instituted the Holy Eucharist at His Last Supper, Jesus performed several miracles involving bread and wine. "The miracle of the multiplication of the five loaves of bread", in which Jesus feeds thousands, "prefigures the superabundance of this unique bread of His Eucharist", the Body of Christ. "The sign of water turned into wine at the Wedding Feast at Cana "manifests the fulfillment of the Wedding Feast in the Father's Kingdom, where the faithful will drink the new wine that has become the Blood of Christ."

What are the essential and necessary elements for celebrating the Holy Eucharist according to the Catechism of the Catholic Church paragraph 1412?

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Encounter Night of Adoration and Reconciliation: February 22 at St. Philip from 7-8pm with refreshments to follow.

**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.

**St. Anthony Sub Fundraiser**—Sub Sandwich Sales Sunday, February 11th. More details to follow. At this time we are looking for help and donations plus gathering supplies:

\*Looking for adults and high school students to help assemble, organize, hand out and make individually packaged treats. Contact Sam at [evwyouthministry@gmail.com](mailto:evwyouthministry@gmail.com) or Bonnie at [evwcatholic@gmail.com](mailto:evwcatholic@gmail.com) or 453-5765.

\*Accepting monetary donations to offset the cost of supplies. Donations needed: •Three \$40 donations for roast beef •Three \$35 donations for ham •Three \$35 donations for turkey •Three \$30 donations for buns •One \$20 donation for advertising •One \$30 donation for paper supplies. Donations can be dropped in the collection box (please mark the envelope "Sub Fundraiser Donation"). Thank you for your help!

**Our Lady CCW Meeting** - Please join us on **Monday, January 15 (rescheduled from Jan 8)** for Rosary in the Church at 6:40 pm followed at 7:00 pm with our bi-monthly CCW Meeting. Hope to see you there!

**Soup & Bouja** - The St. Anthony Catholic Order of Foresters will once again be selling their home-made chicken noodle soup and Bouja next weekend, January 21st.

**St Anthony Baby Needs Drive** - Please join the Faith Formation Program in filling a playpen in the gathering area with new items that families with new babies could use. All donations will be brought to Elevate Pregnancy & Family Resource Center. This is a great way to "Shower" our Spiritually Adopted Babies with Gifts as we continually pray for LIFE!

**Prayers for the NET Retreat** - A Confirmation NET Retreat, for Assumption, St. Anthony, St. Philip, St. Johns, and Our Lady 10th graders, will be hosted at the Parish Center at Our Lady in Manannah on Monday, January 29th, 2024 from 4-9pm. Please pray for the NET Team, the volunteers and the students in attendance. May the Holy Spirit come and rest upon all and bring a spirit of hopefulness and peace over the day as we rest in the light of Jesus. Pray that the students have their eyes opened to see that personal relationship that Jesus is seeking within them.

**2024 Cabin Fever Reliever:** Save the date for this years' 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. Philip Coffee & Rolls with Ecumen**- Everyone is welcome to join us on Friday, Jan 19 following the St. Philip morning mass for coffee and donuts sponsored by Ecumen Hospic and Homecare. Representatives from Ecumen will be on hand to serve coffee and rolls and answer any questions you might have about their services.

**Silent Auction Items** - The Believe it. Achieve it! Fundraising event is fast approaching, if you would like to contribute toward this great cause, we are accepting Silent Auction Donation items, cash, etc. Please contact Monica at 320-693-3313 x106. Thank you!

# Believe it. Achieve it!

Join us for a great event & fun night!  
Tickets are \$45.00 and can be purchased  
at St. Philip's School or Church office

The Church of St. Philip  
Saturday, February 17th  
5-8:00 p.m.

## SOCIAL HOUR @ 5:00p.m.



## DINNER & SILENT AUCTION

## MUSIC BY THE JAZZ AUTHORITY



Food & catering by  
V's Grill & Pub  
Darwin, MN

Proceeds benefit the Scholarship  
Fund and Curriculum updates for  
The School of St. Philip

Winter Pietra starting soon! Coming Home is a series of 6 classes targeting the midsection with meditations designed to help us grow in relationship with Christ, grow in renewed clarity and vision for our life and home. After the hustle and bustle and indulgence of the holidays, and before the Lenten season of fasting, this is your invitation to pause and receive so that you can give from a place of abundance. We will be contemplating on **who we are** - "I have called you by name, you are mine" - Isaiah 43:1, **clarifying the essentials** - "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" - Matthew 6:19, and **cultivating your Life** - "So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom" - Psalm 90:12.

Mondays: ON THE Mat at 6:00 pm

January 15, 22, 29, February 5, 12, 19/26

Tuesdays: CHAIR at 11:00 a.m.

January 16, 23, 30, Feb. 6, 13, 20



The American Red Cross will be in Eden Valley on **Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> from Noon - 6pm at Assumption Catholic Church in Eden Valley (464 State St N).** To make an appointment call 1-800-733-2767, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org), click on your Blood Donor App or contact Bonnie at 320-282-1468 -- [mbmeyer@meltel.net](mailto:mbmeyer@meltel.net)

**Reminders:** \*Identification is needed to donate  
\*Complete your Rapid Pass online on the day of the drive at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/> or on the donor App.



**Church of Our Lady CCW  
Valentine Brunch & Bake Sale  
Sunday, February 4, 2024  
9:00-10:30 am**

CCW Mission Project Fundraiser  
Sharing God's Love with our Brothers & Sisters

Menu: Egg Bake, Sweet Rolls, Fruit, Beverages  
Free Will Offering

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

Blood Drive Thank You-Thank you to all the donors and volunteers who made the Watkins Blood Drive successful. Forty units of life saving blood were collected. Our next drive is Tues, April 16, from 12-6 pm.

Is anyone else upset with our State of Minnesota being transformed into an Abortion destination? **Abortions have markedly increased and the movement is ON to move out into our rural areas to expand even more!** Planned Parenthood has recently put up a new abortion facility in Mankato!!! Find out what YOU can do to be a part of battling against this deadly movement in Minnesota!!!

**\* January has two opportunities for us:**

**\* MARCH FOR LIFE JANUARY 22** Both the St Cloud Diocese and the New Ulm Diocese have buses lined up to ride to this event at the Minnesota State Capitol in St Paul. There are flyers on the table & bulletin board and in back of church. The information on the Litchfield bus is in this bulletin with Tony Lorber (320-248-6863) the contact person. Please contact him soon to sign up. Contact Judy Haag to sign up for the Richmond bus or for more information on this MCCL March For Life. It is of the utmost importance that we are sending parishioners to this Rally to find out what's happening in Minnesota and what we can do about it. We can't ignore what's happening in our State!

**\*SPIRITUAL ADOPTION** On January 14<sup>th</sup> we will begin to offer Spiritual Adoption for our parishioners, Wed Faith formation & Sunday preschool classes. We do this every year but we want to expand to more parishioner participation. It is highly suggested that **each family adopt an unborn baby in danger of abortion** and pray this prayer EVERY day for 9 months:

JESUS, MARY and JOESPH, I LOVE YOU VERY MUCH. I BEG YOU TO SPARE THE LIFE OF THE UNBORN BABY I HAVE SPIRITUALLY ADOPTED WHO IS IN DANGER OF ABORTION. God will answer our prayers and many mothers who think they have no other option will be led to the help they need to bring their precious baby to birth and beyond. We must "WALK WITH MOM'S" in need!!!! Contact Judy at 320-453-7592 [judy4life@meltel.net](mailto:judy4life@meltel.net) for more information.