

# SHEPHERD OF SOULS AREA FAITH COMMUNITY



## JANUARY 7, 2024



## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

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### 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*

### 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

### DARWIN CHURCH OF ST. JOHN

106 N. 4th Street | Darwin, MN 55324  
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### MANANNAH CHURCH OF OUR LADY

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## OUR STAFF

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### Parish Staff Church of St. Anthony

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK- JANUARY 7

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12  
Monday: Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 (3)/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11  
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28  
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39  
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45  
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12  
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17  
Next 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

## PASTOR'S LETTER

This weekend we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. God reveals the Son as the savior of the world for all peoples. The Baptism of the Lord, Jan. 8th, is the last day of our Christmas season. We start a period of about a month of Ordinary Time before Lent begins.

Please join us for the next Encounter Night of Adoration and Reconciliation on your calendar—Friday at St. Anthony from 7-8pm with refreshments to follow.

How are we doing in meeting our DMA goals? St. Philip is now at \$27,424 of our \$43,325 goal. St. Anthony is now \$10,490 of our \$20,300 goal. St. John is now \$22,944 of our \$18,072 goal. Our Lady is now \$8,815 of our \$12,502 goal. 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/>.

Peace be with you, Fr. Jeff Horejsi



Thank you for your cards, gifts, tasty baked delights, food, and well wishes for us during Christmas.

We appreciate your kindness.

God bless you, Fr. Jeff & Fr. Mike.

## 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



# MASSES & INTENTIONS

## MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

### Monday, January 8

No Mass

### Tuesday, January 9

St Philip, Litchfield 6:00 pm ..... Michael Daniel & Family

St Anthony, Watkins 6:00 pm ..... CCW Members

### Wednesday, January 10

Hilltop Care Center, Watkins 10:30 am ..... † Mike & Arletta Turner

Our Lady, Manannah 7:30 pm Family Mass ..... Faith Formation Students

### Thursday, January 11

St. John, Darwin 8:00 am ..... † Chris Hansen

Meeker Manor, Litchfield 9:00 am ..... † James & Lois Filzen

### Friday, January 12

Our Lady, Manannah 8:00 am ..... † Linda Abraham

St. Philip, Litchfield 8:30 am ..... † Dan Ebert

### Saturday, January 13

St. Philip, Litchfield 4:00 pm ..... † Mavis & Gordon Holt

### Sunday, January 14

St. Philip, Litchfield 8:00 am ..... † JoAnn & James DeRamus

Our Lady, Manannah 8:00 am ..... † Vince & Tuttie Rothstein

St. John, Darwin 10:00 am ..... † Benno Roehl

St. Anthony, Watkins 10:00 am ..... † Eldred Froehling

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

#### St Anthony Church Cleaners:

Church Cleaners: December 31-January 13

Kevin & Nettie Holtz, Chad & Amber Huberty and Roman & Marty Huberty and families.

Call Theresa at 764-7251 to unlock.

#### St Anthony Mass Ministries,

St. Anthony's Mass Ministries will no longer be listed in the bulletin. Please pay special attention to your paper schedules or the online schedule that can be found on St. Anthony's web-site.



Our Condolences to the Family of Kevin Rotert. May Kevin 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!

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

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 24, 2023

OFFERINGS	St. John	Our Lady	St. Philip	St. Anthony
Youth & Children Envelope	\$0.00	\$41.00	\$0.00	\$6.00
Adult Envelope	\$6,980.00	\$2,000.00	\$16,387.73	\$4,411.00
ACH (Auto payment)	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$710.00
Loose Plate Collection	\$95.00	\$222.00	\$156.00	\$370.00
<b>TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERING</b>	<b>\$7,075.00</b>	<b>\$2,513.00</b>	<b>\$16,543.73</b>	<b>\$5,497.00</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>\$3,349.00</b>	<b>\$297.00</b>	<b>\$8,178.40</b>	<b>\$2,420.00</b>
YEAR TO DATE SUNDAY OFFERING	\$99,058.22	\$56,428.00	\$249,004.50	\$96,716.00
Year to Date Budget Needs	\$96,876.00	\$57,616.00	\$217,498.58	\$80,002.00
<b>YEAR TO DATE DIFFERENCE</b>	<b>\$2,182.22</b>	<b>(\$1,188.00)</b>	<b>\$31,505.92</b>	<b>\$16,714.00</b>
<b>Christmas Collection 2023</b>	\$3,840.00	\$5,414.00	\$12,635.00	\$13,335.00
<b>Christmas Budget</b>	\$6,500.00	\$9,000.00	\$19,000.00	\$15,000.00
<b>Difference</b>	<b>(\$2,660.00)</b>	<b>(\$3,586.00)</b>	<b>(\$6,365.00)</b>	<b>(\$1,665.00)</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 8

OL 1:00 pm....Quilting  
OL 6:40 pm ....Rosary  
OL 7:00 pm....CCW Meeting  
StA KC Meeting (Potluck)

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

StP 8:30 am....Rosary  
StP 9:00 am....Mission Quilters  
StP 9:00 am ....Bible Time  
StP 7:00 pm....KC Meeting

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

StJ 8:30 am....Quilting  
School 5:00 pm....School Committee Meeting  
StP 5:00 pm....Faith Formation Class Gr 4-6  
StP 6:30 pm....Faith Formation Class Gr 7-11  
StJ 6:30 pm....Faith Formation Class Gr K-11  
StA 6:30 pm....Faith Formation Class Gr 7-10  
OL 6:45 pm...Faith Formation Class Gr 3-11/7:30 pm  
Family Mass

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

StJ 9:05 am... Bible Study  
StP 12:00 pm...Gaming Committee Meeting  
AFC 4:00 pm...Social Concerns Meeting  
StP 6:30 pm....Parish Administrative Council Meeting

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

StP 8:00 am...Rosary  
AFC 7:00 pm...Encounter Night @ St. Anthony

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

StA 7:30 am....Men's Group @EV  
StP 8:00 am....Band of Brothers Bible Study  
StA 9:00 am..... First Reconciliation EV & Wat @EV  
OL 9:30 am....Mass Server Training  
StJ 10:00 am...Come & Paly Preschool @ Ed Center  
StP 11:00 am Mass of Christian Burial for Kevin Rotert

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

OL 8:45 AM ....Sunday School  
StJ 10:00 am.. Children's Liturgy  
StA 11:00 am...Youth Spaghetti Dinner  
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!



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.

# FAITH FORMATION

## Faith Formation Schedule for this week

### St. Philip—Wed, Jan 10

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 10

6:45 pm Faith Formation Class Gr 3-11

7:30 pm Family Mass

January 13- 9:30-11 mass server training for all present and new servers. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up

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 10

6:30 pm Faith Formation Class Gr K-11

### St. Anthony - Wed, Jan 10

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

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

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

### 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)

**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!

**First Reconciliation** - Second graders will be making their First Reconciliation on Saturday, January 13th from 9am-Noon at Assumption Church in Eden Valley. A First Communion Meeting will also be part of this day for these families. Please keep these students, parents and families in your prayers as they prepare for these grace filled sacraments.

**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!

**Our Lady Mass Server Training** - We will be offering Mass server training on Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:30AM to 11:00 AM. If you are in grade 3 and up and would like to serve please attend the training or contact Dcn Roger. All present Mass Server are asked to attend this training also.

### 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.

**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 actively helping, Sam still wants your response.

## 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





NATIONAL  
**Eucharistic  
Revival**  
DIOCESE OF NEW ULM

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

All of the Old Testament points to Jesus. Manna in the desert, the unleavened bread at the Passover, Melchizedek's offering of bread and wine, and many other Old Testament sacrifices foreshadowed the Body and Blood of Jesus given to us in the New Covenant. "When Jesus instituted the Holy Eucharist, He gave a new and definitive meaning to the blessing of the bread" and the wine.

What are some of the miracles involving bread and wine that Jesus performed before His Last Supper?

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EUCCHARISTIC  
REVIVAL  
EVENT

## Encounter Night

Join us for an hour of Eucharistic Adoration with Praise & Worship Music and Reconciliation

JANUARY 12TH, 2024 | 7:00 PM

Church of St. Anthony, Watkins

Followed by Fellowship and Refreshments

Never been to an event like this before?  
That's okay! Worship guides will be available.

*In the Blessed Sacrament we can talk to Jesus straight from the heart.*  
—Saint Alphonsus Liguori

**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.

**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. All proceeds will benefit Birthright Crisis Pregnancy Center in Hutchinson. Your generous free-will offering will be matched up to \$1,000 by the K of C. St. John Quilters will have a quilt Raffle.



**Our Lady CCW Meeting** - Please join us on **Monday, January 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!

**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.

**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.

**Bible Study** - All are invited to St. John's in Darwin to attend a six session Bible Study entitled: Biblical Roots of the Mass by Brant Pietre. We will begin after the 8:00am Mass at 9:05 am on Thursday, January 4th, 2024. Please plan to stay after coffee and rolls for some enrichment and fellowship. No homework or book purchase! We hope you can make it!

**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.

**Discipleship Quads** – Hopefully you've had the chance to read the quad testimonies and are feeling the call to form your own! Perhaps, your New Years' resolution is to pray better this year or to grow in your faith?! I can't think of a better way to do this than to start/join a quad! If you need more convincing, you can still check out the display at St. Anthony's for more information. Be sure to read all the past testimonies/quotes in full and also those from EV for more inspiration. If you have any questions or are looking for help in starting a quad ask Jessie in the St. Anthony office.

**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!

### Make a New Year's resolution to grow in your faith!

**Join us to learn more about "Jesus and the Eucharist"** Produced by the National Eucharistic Revival Team together with the Augustine Institute

**When:** Wednesday evenings, starting Jan 3, 2024 - April (Following St. John's Faith Formation schedule and snow cancelations)

**Time:** 5:45-6:15 light meal, 6:30-7:45 prayer, video and discussion  
(Faith Formation classes for the students are also during this time.)

**Where:** St. John's Education Center  
**No Homework! Come when you can!**

### 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. John & St. Philip Parishes**—Thank you so much for multi-donations for Birthright. Diapers are especially needed for our kids. The help we give is a blessing to all involved. Have a Blessed and Happy Christmas & New Year.



*Advisors to Birthright*

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.

### Do you purchase Our Family Brand items??

If so the School of St. Philip collects 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.

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.

