Shepherd of Souls Area Faith Community
“Called to be the Face of Christ”
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Bulletin for Sunday, April 7, 2019
Fifth Sunday of Lent

AFC Mass Times

Saturday -
4:00pm  Church of Our Lady, Manannah
5:00pm  St. John’s, Darwin

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday—4:30pm at St. John’s Church
Saturday - 3:30pm at Our Lady of Manannah
1st & 3rd Tuesday—4:00 pm at St. Philip

Forest City
Church of
St Gertrude
31608 650th Avenue
Litchfield, MN 55355

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


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

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The Sacrament of Reconciliation is also celebrated on Saturdays each week. Check the bulletin for other times of individual reconciliation! Individual Confessions will also be held from 5:00pm to 6:00pm each of Friday before Stations and on Saturdays at the regular confession hour.

KC Pancake Breakfast - St. John’s

Please join the KCs for a delicious pancake breakfast following the 10:00am Mass at St John’s on Sunday, April 7th.
The breakfast is for Vocations. Free will donation.

Join us in thanking Evelyn & Ed Dougherty for their years of serving cleaning the Church of St. John’s.

Faith Formation …

St. J Youth—Wednesday, April 10, Youth Gathering - 3:30 pm 4–8 Grades, 5:45 Supper, 6:15 pm Theology of the Body, 6:30 pm High School Students 6:30 pm Parent Meeting

StP - Wednesday, April 10, Youth Gathering - 5:00 pm Grades 4-6, 6:00 - 6:30 pm light supper, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Grades 7–11

OL - Wednesday, April 10 - 7:00 pm Faith Formation Class.

OL Sunday School—for 3 year olds – 2nd grade is Sunday’s at the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

For more information refer to the AFC Google Calendar at www.shepherdofsouls.org

Please Join us as we gather together to pray

STATIONS OF THE CROSS & LENTEN SUPPER

Each Friday of Lent at 6:00pm.

We once again have planned to schedule “Stations” for each Friday during Lent to be held at one of our Parishes each week, along with a soup supper to follow. Gathering together as members of our AFC Parishes is a wonderful way to get to know one another. Please join us each Friday during Lent as we pray and enjoy a simple meal together. If you would like to help with your parish’s soup supper call your parish office.

Our Schedule is as follows.

April 12 @ Church of Our Lady, Manannah

Individual Confessions will be held from 5:00pm to 6:00pm each of these Fridays before Stations!

Condolences to the family Ben Ertl upon his passing. May Ben rest in eternal peace. His funeral was at the Church of St. Philip. His obituary can be found on www.johnshagglund.com

OUR LADY COFFEE & ROLLS –Join us on Sunday, April 7th after the 8:30 am Mass for Coffee & Rolls and fellowship. St. Margaret’s Circle will be serving—if you are a member of this circle you are asked to help with serving and clean up.

OPPORTUNITY TO HELP ONE OF OUR AFC FAMILY'S

A schedule has been set up for meals for Xriska Seefeldt, a St. John’s member who has cancer and is in need of some help with meals for her family. If you could find it in your heart to help please access the website as follows: http://www.takethemameal.com under the word FIND enter last name Seefeldt, password xriska.

If you have any questions contact Gloria Kotila 320-420-8653.
Convinced
Why would anyone become Catholic?
Why would intelligent, successful people give up careers, alienate friends, and cause havoc in their families...to become Catholic? As he was considering his own move into the Church, Donald Johnson traveled round the country to get answers from some of today’s most prolific Catholic converts.
Listen on formed.org (AFC access code FQ9PPK)

There will be NO Coffee & Rolls
Sunday, April 14 or Sunday, April 21 at St. Philip’s.

Chrism Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, April 11th at 7:00 p.m. at the Church of St. Aloysius in Olivia. All are welcome!

Join us for food, fun & comic relief
Friday, April 26, 2019
Church of St. Philip Social Hall
Tickets are $35 until April 12
$45 beginning April 13
Door opens at 5:00pm / Dinner at 6:30pm
Comedian John DeBoer (new material) will be entertaining us beginning at 8:00pm.
Tickets are available at the Parish Office or online at shepherdofsouls.org/events

Don’t miss out on our Silent Auction!
St. Croix River Valley Bed & Breakfast, Winery Tour and Scenic Boat Tour Package, Walleye Dan 4 Hour Guided Fishing Package for 3, Apostle Island Sailing Adventure for up to 6, Tickets to Winstock and much more!!!

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY  Saturday, April 13, 2019
Our Lady: 4:00pm
St John: 5:00pm

Sunday, April 14, 2019
Our Lady: 8:30am
St John: 10:00am
St. Philip: 8:00am, 10:30am, 12pm (Spanish)

HOLY THURSDAY  April 18, 2019
Mass of the Lord’s Supper
7:00PM at the Church of St. Philip
With elements of Spanish

GOOD FRIDAY  April 19, 2019
Celebration of the Passion of the Lord
St. Philip @ 12:00pm
Our Lady @ 3:00pm
St John @ 7:00pm

EASTER VIGIL  April 20, 2019
8:30pm at the Church of St. Philip

EASTER SUNDAY  April 21, 2019
Our Lady @ 8:30am
St John @ 10:00am
St. Philip @ 8:00am & 10:30am & 12:00pm (Spanish)

Area Faith Community Choir- Holy Week is coming and we will have an AFC choir for both Holy Thursday and the Easter Vigil. Open to all, if you would like to come and sing in the choir for one or both days, please give Ray Wolter a call (693-9262) or email (wolter@hutchtel.net) and we will add you to the list. Practices: Easter Vigil practice, April 9th and 16th, both 6:30-8pm Holy Thursday Practice Apr13th, 9am. (St.P church).
A Note from Fr. Jeff Horejsi ....
The final Lenten Reconciliation Service is this Sunday, April 7 at St. Philip at 4:00 pm. Additional opportunities for the sacrament happens each Friday from 5-6 pm at the parish which is hosting Stations of the Cross at 6 pm, and before our Saturday evening Masses.

Our AFC Social Concerns Committee is encouraging us to participate in an “Offering of Letters” campaign through Bread for the World. Almost half of all child deaths worldwide are linked to malnutrition. The children who survive remain at high risk of irreversible stunting, which affects their physical and cognitive development. For 151 million children under the age of 5 stunting is a life sentence. Even in the United States, 11.8 percent of households were food-insecure in 2017, meaning that they were unsure at some point during the year about how they would provide for their next meal. If you were not able to sign letters after the Masses this weekend, please see go to bread.org/write-congress, then click on the link “Take Action on This Issue” to participate.

After many years of cleaning the church of St. John, Evelyn Dougherty (with the help of her husband Ed) is retiring. Please take the opportunity to thank them at the April 7th Pancake Breakfast. We welcome Rick Zillmer to this role for the parish. Congratulations to Chris Hansen, of St. John’s parish, for receiving the Diocesan Distinguished Service Award on March 11th. Thank you for serving your diocese, parish and AFC. Thank you to John Schmitz for his service on the AFC Pastoral Council. And Welcome to Deb McCann who is joining this Council representing Our Lady.

Next weekend is Palm Sunday. Before Mass, please gather in the hall (St. Philip and St. John) or the gathering area (Our Lady.)

60th Annual New Ulm Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Convention will be held Sat, April 27 at Church of Anastasia in Hutchinson. The Theme is “Proclaim the Gospel to All”. Keynote speakers will be Kathy Bonner and Amanda Sieling. Kathy, an international motivational speaker, will be speaking on Domestic Violence. Amanda, is a Professor of Criminal Justice at SWSU, she will be speaking on delinquency, abuse and neglect. Join other women of the Diocese for Mass and the presentation of the NUDCCW Woman of the Year, along with lunch, silent auction and various exhibits and booth displays to fill the day. Grow in your faith! Meet new friends! Connect with other faith filled women from the Diocese. Please register by April 11th. Our Lady Members contact Cathy Homer—registration forms are available on bulletin board. St. John/St. Philip members contact Judy Markgraf or Ruth Ann Hansen.

ATTENTION ST. PHILIP AND OUR LADY HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS - The P. J. Casey Council is awarding four scholarships, one for $750.00 and three for $250.

Instructions
1. Download and fill out the application at http://www.shepherdofsouls.org/kclitch-scholarships.
2. Write an essay of 250 words or less answering: "How has my Catholic faith influenced my values and decision making" and attached to the application and questionnaire.
3. Email application forms and essay to to Eric Mathwig mathwig@hutchtel.net by midnight May 1, 2019. Judging will be completed by 3 members of PJ Casey Council 2029.

Flowers of Mercy Spring Flower Sale—Available this year: Easter Lily (6") $8.50, 8" Tuilp, Hyacinth & Crocus Garden $11, Blue Hydrangea $17.50, Kalanchee 6" $10, Kalanchee 4" $6.50, Begonia $10. Place orders at Emmaus Gift Shop or call 320-693-7367 by April 11th. Pick up on April 15 at 11 am. Proceeds will provide funding for bouquets donated to the those who have a terminal illness.
Can You Give One Pair of Socks?
A collection for area women's shelters will be taken at the New Ulm Diocesan CCW Convention being held this April 27th. The Church of Our Lady CCW is collecting donations of socks (and other personal care items) in the church Gathering Area, beginning the weekend of March 23/24 and continuing through the weekend of April 13/14. All items should be new, in original packaging. If every woman in the parish will donate one pair of socks to our "sock drawer," we can send almost 200 pair for these women in great need.

A Decision Turned Deadly—A Father’s Life Saving Message with Matt Logan. “A 3 second decision changed everything...”, Tuesday, April 16 at 7:00 p.m. Zion Lutheran Church 504 N Gilman Ave, Litchfield. A collaboration of Meeker County Safe Roads Coalition, Meeker County Public Health & Litchfield Community Education.

"Love one another as I have loved you." John 13:34 - Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and experience the love of your spouse like you never have before. The next available Weekends are Apr 26-28, 2019 in HUTCHINSON, MN and Nov 15-17, 2019 in OWATONNA, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: southmnwwme.org or contact Miki at applications@southmnwwme.org or 507-227-8229.

Experience Pietra Fitness®… A fitness class that stretches, strengthens and tones the body while refreshing the soul with prayer. In only one hour you will feel calmer, stronger, refreshed and renewed! An introductory 6 Week Gentle Class for Women will be offered on Thursdays 6:00 – 7:00 pm running April: 4, 11, 25, May: 2, 9, 16. (No class Holy Thursday).
Cost: $20 for 6 classes, $5. drop in
Where: Social hall/classroom
Register before class beginning at 5:45.
What to bring: water bottle and mat (unless using chair modifications)
Contact Marsha Goraczkowski, Certified Pietra Fitness Instructor, at magorski65@gmail.com for more information, or Brenda Grates at the church office.

Chime Choir - The Chime Choir is in need of 2 or 3 more teen to adult members. We practice on Thursday’s from 2:15—3:15 pm. If you can count you can play the chimes. You do not need to know how to read music to play. Contact Ron Ebnet 593-8145 if you are interested.

40 Days For Life-St Cloud - Vigil: March 6—April 14, 7 am –7pm Monday - Friday on the public sidewalk in front of planned parenthood, East St. Cloud. To sign up Contact Judy Haag 320-453-7592, judy4life@meltel.net or www.40daysforlife.com/stcloud

Group Rally’s are encouraged: Any Saturday or Sunday during the campaign, we invite you to come & pray as a family, as a church or community group, etc. Closing Rally - April 13 - noon-2 pm, starts at planned parenthood with a rally then proceeds to St. Augustine for a pizza luncheon social.

Cokato - Dassel Rotary Invites you to join them for an International Service Project Event - Days for Girls Sew-a-thon. Saturday, April 20, 2019 at the Cokato City Hall, 9 am - noon, refreshments provided. They will be cutting, sewing and assembling hygiene kits for girls to be distributed around the world. For questions call Jill Plowman 612-876-7206.

Movie “Unplanned” - The movie will continue to be shown at the Century 9, Quarry Cinema and Parkwood 18. Check for show times and dates.

Assumption Parish, Eden Valley
Breakfast and Silent Auction - Hosted by the Youth of our Parish! Sunday, April 7, 2019, from 8:30 am - 12:00 pm
Featuring: French Toast, Pancakes (including gluten-free) Eggs, Sausage, Sweet Rolls, and Fresh Fruit!
Cost: Adults - $8; Ages 6-12 - $4; Under 5 - Free

Father/Son Banquet - Join us for a Father/Son Banquet on Fri April 12th at Stockholm Lutheran Church beginning at 6:00 p.m. $10.50 each, children under age 10 $5.00 Guest speaker: Paster Lee Balboema Call Tim Steuck for order tickets 275-3287 or 320-296-9367 Sunday April 7th is the last day to order tickets.
SUNDAY CONTRIBUTIONS and OFFERINGS FROM THE WEEKEND OF: March 31, 2019

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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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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.

Diocesan Catholic Charities: 1-866-670-5163

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.

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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