Shepherd of Souls Area Faith Community

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Bulletin for Sunday, December 27, 2020

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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– 3:30 pm at Our Lady
Saturday - 4:30 pm at St. John
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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday December 28	8:00 am—Darwin		Word & Communion
Tuesday, December 29	8:00 am-Darwin		People of the Parish
	8:30 am - Litchfield	✞	Milton (Bud) Houseman
Wednesday December 30	8:00 am-Forest City		People of the Parish
	8:00 am-Manannah	✞	Justin Lipinski
Thursday, December 31	4:00 pm-Litchfield		People of the AFC
Vigil of Mary, Mother of God	5:30 pm - Darwin		People of the AFC
Friday, January 1 Mary, Mother of God	9:00 am –Manannah		People of the AFC
Saturday, January 2	4:00 pm– Manannah	✞	Frank & Marie McCann
	5:00 pm-Darwin	✞	Lena Larson
Sunday January 3	8:00 am-Litchfield	✞	James DeRamus
	8:30 am-Manannah	✞	Emmett & Adeline McCarney
	10:00 am - Darwin	✞	Arlene Meyers
	10:30 am - Litchfield	✞	Pam Tacheny Johnson
	12:00 pm-Litchfield (Spanish)		People of the Parish

Area Faith Community Calendar of Events
For More Info go to the AFC website

Monday December 28	
Tuesday December 29	StP - 8:00 am Rosary
Wednesday December 30	StP– No Faith Formation StJ - No Faith Formation OL - No Faith Formation
Thursday December 31 New Year's Eve	
Friday January 1 New Year's Day	StJ - Friday, 3:00 pm Adoration Begins StJ - Friday, 8:00 pm Benediction
Saturday January 2	
Sunday January 3	OL - No Sunday School

Communion - If you are watching Mass online or on TV and would like the opportunity to receive communion you can come to the St. Philip parking lot on Sundays at 9:00 am. We can walk up for communion or stay in your vehicle

Volunteers Needed - St. Philips is looking for volunteers to help with sanitizing after the Sunday morning Masses. If interested please contact Brenda in the Parish Office 693-3313 ext 100

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

St.P: Gretchen Condon, Todd Wheeler, Isaac Buhr, Beckie Schaefer, Dan Curran, Beverly Lindell, Fran Tintes, Jasper Kargas, Donald Putney, Theresa Chiarelli, JoAnn DeRause-Oxford, Antonio Franco, Sylvia Johnson, Robert Becker, Jon Laney, Jan Paulson, Jordan Munson, Robin, Caitlin Pitts, Karen Marsh, Shirley Buck, Ed McGraw, Eileen Mihlbauer, Sandra Paulsen, Ann Nonweiler, Dorothy Tacheny, Mary Knutson, Audrey Stoffel, Tim Kapperman, Lindsey Paulsen, Kay Grams, Lou Huber, Philip Johnson, Dale Andersen, Katelyn Cruze, Darlene Putney. Prayer Line phone number 593-8944.

OL: Prayer Line: Mary Kalkbrenner, Nancy Haag, George Pfeffer, Dolores Wiechmann, McKenzie Knisley Family, June Tierney, Dale Hoerchler. Prayer line phone number 693-8900.

St.J: Ednel Diedrich, Susan Hummel, Alivia Hemsworth, Amber Walker, Alec McLean, Marlys Roehl, Don Bollman, Luis Larios, Troy Kotila, Kim (Elke) Jack, Raylan Russel, Kathy Thissen, Rosemary Paidl, Glen Worden, Jeffery Baert, Grayson Zimmermann, Patrick Ecklund, Mike Ackerman, Jacob Schmitz, Kathy Eggert, Daralyn Goldsberry. Prayer Line Phone Number 693-9496.

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

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A Note from Fr. Jeff Horejsi ….

Merry Christmas! We continue to celebrate God-with-us this Christmas season through the Baptism of the Lord, which is January 10th this year. Small bottles of holy water were given out at the Christmas Eve and Day Masses. We invite you to use this blessed water to remind you of your baptism. Sprinkling people or objects, we ask God to bless or make holy the persons or items.

The Masses for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God are Thursday evening and Friday morning. Happy New Year to all!!

Please put in your new calendar the dates for our Area Faith Community Mission, February 8-11. Deacon Ralph Poyo will also be with us for the weekend Masses Feb. 6 & 7 to invite us to participate. We will have in person and live-streamed options to be a part of the Mission.

Thank you for your generosity to the 2020 DMA. If you haven't made your pledge or given a gift, please consider making your contribution now. As has been the case the last number of years, 20% of your gift will come back to your parish for the projects identified by your Administrative Councils. The project for St. Philip is the new camera, software and wiring to better livestream Masses. The project for St. John is new upstairs carpet, three windows and a window air conditioner for the rectory. The project for Our Lady is Catholic School tuition for Our Lady students. You may make your pledge by dropping it in the collection basket, mailing it, or online at dnu.org.

We will be streaming Mass live on our website using Facebook Live every Sunday at 8:00 am. You can follow us at https://www.facebook.com/pg/Shepherd-Of-Souls-AFC-109977054166477/videos/. The video will remain on our website after the mass is over.

Again, I want to thank you for your continued financial gifts to your parish. 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

Faith Formation …

St. Philip - Wednesday, Dec 30

No classes.

Sunday School - No Sunday School—We will be moving to distance learning.

St. John - Wednesday, Dec. 30

No Faith Formation

Our Lady - Wednesday, Dec. 30

No Faith Formation Class Grades 5-11

Sunday School - No Sunday School for grades K to Grade 4 on Sundays at 9:20 am-10:15 am until January.

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

Memorial Candles - If you had a loved one that passed away this past year and there is a Memorial Candle for them please feel free to pick it up at the Church.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

Thursday, December 31st

4:00pm St. Philip's, Litchfield

5:30pm St. John's, Darwin

Friday, January 1st

9:00am Our Lady, Manannah

Our Condolences to the family of Stephen Boerner, brother of Mike Boerner. May Stephen rest in eternal peace. His obituary can be found at www.itenfuneralservices.com.

Our Condolences to the family of Louise Schutz. May Louise rest in eternal peace. Her obituary can be found at www.johnsonhagglund.com

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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

From the Staff & Students of St. Philips School

May GOD be with you through the New Year and fill your life with COMFORT, LOVE, and CHEER. May this day and the days ahead, hold many BLESSINGS for you and yours.

Happy New Year!

From:

Fr. Jeff,

Fr. Brian and

all our Area

Faith

Community

Staff.

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

Something to Watch: Forgiven—Session 1: Where Are You?

As we make resolutions for 2021, don't forget about your spiritual well-being! Through our Forgiven series, you can help guide friends and family to new spiritual beginnings

Something to Learn: Who is Saint Stephen?

This past week, we celebrated the life of St. Stephen, heroic leader of the early Church. Join Dr. Gray and Dr. Barber as they discuss the first Christian martyr.

Something to Listen to: Marriage And Family: Love Unveiled By Dr. Scott Hahn

The feast of the Holy Family reminds us to help our own families grow in holiness. With this in mind, join Scott Hahn as he shares his advice on how to bring sanctity into the home.

Listen on formed.org (AFC access code FQ9PPK)

Eucharistic Adoration

He is waiting for you to come spend time praying. Eucharistic Adoration will be on:

Friday, January 1 at Church of St. John
Adoration begins at 3:00 pm
Benediction at 8:00 pm

Friday, January 1 Church of Our Lady
No Adoration

Tuesday, January 5 at Church of St. Philip
Adoration begins at 8:30 am,
Reconciliation at 4:00 pm
Benediction at 5:15 pm

Everyone is welcome to come and pray!

Greetings everyone!

I am back from my ten week retreat sabbatical and a couple weeks of vacation in many places. I had a great experience in the Sonoran Desert near Tucson Arizona. The time was spent in rest, refreshment and learning more about our relationship with God. The desert reminded me that less is more. Desert plants, like the Saguaro Cactus, can go months without rain yet keep all the water they need to live. This reminds me that God fills us even when we don't realize it. God is always here and is always ready to fill us with life. This is something to reflect on as we celebrate God filling our world in the person of Jesus. He is one of us and wants us to join our hearts to his most loving heart.

I want to wish everyone blessings during this Christmas season. I also wish everyone a blessed New Year.

Peace,
Fr. Brian

I took some photos to remind us of warmth especially during our cold months here. I hope you enjoy the ones below.

Consecration to the Holy Family

I encourage you to revitalize our parishes by devoting yourselves to the ideal model of familial love set by Jesus, Mary and Joseph. The word consecration literally means "association with the sacred", and as such it requires a much larger commitment than simply reciting a prayer on the feast of the Holy Family.

O Lord Jesus, you lived in the home of Mary and Joseph in Nazareth. There you grew in age, wisdom and grace as you prepared to fulfill your mission as our Redeemer. We entrust our family to you. O Blessed Mary, you are the Mother of our Savior. At Nazareth you cared for Jesus and nurtured him in the peace and joy of your home. We entrust our family to you. O Saint Joseph, you provided a secure and loving home for Jesus and Mary, and gave us a model of fatherhood while showing us the dignity of work. We entrust our family to you. Holy Family, we consecrate ourselves and our family to you. May we be completely united in a love that is lasting, faithful and open to the gift of new life. Help us to grow in virtue, to forgive one another from our hearts, and to live in peace all our days. Keep us strong in faith, persevering in prayer, diligent in our work, and generous toward those in need. May our home, O Holy Family, truly become a domestic church where we reflect your example in our daily life. Amen. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

Pro-Life Rally - "MCCL is still planning on the prolife march in St Paul on January 22nd. The Darwin KC Council is planning a bus at this time. Everything will be done as per whatever covid restrictions exist at the time.
This year, as most of you know, there will be a bigger push for abortion than at anytime in the past!
Please call Wes Edwards 693-0165 or email westonfe@gmail.com if you are interested participating. As in previous years, the only cost is a free will offering. Thank you!"

End-of-Year Tax Savings Offered by the 2020 Cares Act

Your charitable giving has been so important to our parish during this year when we have been affected by social distancing and restrictions on worship and other gatherings.

In addition to the spiritual rewards your faithfulness in stewardship, some recent legislation can also have a positive impact how much you can give at this time and the ways you can give.

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Securities Act (CARES Act) was signed into law in March and is the largest economic stimulus package in our nation's history. It was designed to provide economic relief for businesses and individuals. Four key provisions in the CARES Act may provide tax incentives when you donate to your favorite charities.

1. Temporary Universal Charitable Deductions

You can now deduct your charitable gifts even if you take the standard deduction on your federal tax return. The CARES Act allows for up to $300 per taxpayer ($600 for a married couple) in an above-the-line deduction for charitable gifts made in 2020.

2. 100% Charitable Deduction for Cash Gifts

The CARES Act legislation allows you to deduct cash gifts of up to 100% of your Adjusted Gross Income (AGI), effectively eliminating your federal tax liability in 2020.

If you itemize deductions on your taxes, there are new charitable deduction limits. The CARES Act increases the existing cap on cash gifts for those who itemize. In a typical year, individuals can only take a charitable tax deduction of 60% of their AGI, no matter how much they give. But in 2020 there is no limit, making cash contributions fully deductible to 100% of AGI.

Thanks to this provision, if you are facing a heavy tax burden this year, a large cash gift to charity could significantly reduce (or possibly eliminate) your federal tax liability.

3. Incentives for Corporate Giving

The CARES Act increases the cap on how much corporations may deduct for charitable gifts – from 10% of charitable contributions to 25%. In addition, the limitation on deductions for food donations by corporations increases from 15% to 25% in 2020. This provision is worth considering if you own a business or make financial decisions for your employer.

4. No Required Minimum Distributions in 2020

The CARES Act waives all Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) for individuals over the age of 70 ½ who own specified retirement accounts until next year. However, you can still choose to make a qualified charitable distribution and potentially lower your AGI thereby decreasing your tax liability.

Please check with your accountant or financial advisor to determine how these tax advantages may benefit you.

Thank you again for your continued support throughout this last year!

Gifts for 2020 must be received by December 31, 2020.

Christmas Flowers

If you would like to donate to the Christmas Flowers in memory of a loved one - you can use the envelope included in your envelopes or a marked envelope and drop in the collection or bring to the Parish Offices.

Eden Valley Food Shelf - Is open every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month, 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm. They are located at 556 Brooks St N, Eden Valley.

Senior Dining - This is an opportunity for diners 60+ to get a hot meal. Please call (320)693-6318 before 11:30 am at least one day in advance to order meals. No one will answer the phone, so please leave a message. Include your name and the dates you want to order meals. Menu is available in the Narthex

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Pietra Classes now taking place virtual.

for info & dates
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Call: 320-221-1698
Email: magorski65@gmail.com

SUNDAY CONTRIBUTIONS and OFFERINGS FROM THE WEEKEND OF:	December 20, 2020		
OFFERINGS	**St. John**	**Our Lady**	**St. Philip**
Youth & Children Envelope		$14.00	
Adult Envelope	$6,585.00	$2,810.00	$2,935.00
ACH (Auto payment)	$210.00		
Loose Plate Collection	$20.00	$121.00	$1,310.00
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERING	**$6,815.00**	**$2,945.00**	**$4,245.00**
Weekly Amount needed for budget	$3,235.30	$2,042.00	$7,943.69
This Week's Difference	**$3,579.70**	**$903.00**	**($3,698.69)**
YEAR TO DATE SUNDAY OFFERING	$72,898.24	$51,860.91	$164,814.14
Year to Date Budget Needs	$80,882.50	$51,050.00	$198,592.25
YEAR TO DATE DIFFERENCE	**($7,984.26)**	**$810.91**	**($33,778.11)**

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:

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Bulletin Announcements: Please have your bulletin announcements to Julie at jschmitz@shepherdofsouls.org. By noon on Tuesday. Thank you!

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. Jeff, 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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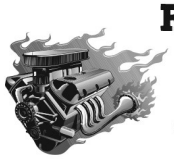
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