



Shepherd of Souls Area Faith Community
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Bulletin for Sunday, March 27, 2022
Fourth Sunday of Lent

Fourth
Sunday
in Lent



AFC Mass Times

Saturday -

4:00 pm Church of Our Lady, Manannah
5:00 pm 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**

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**Manannah
Church of
Our Lady**

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday March 28	No Mass		
Tuesday, March 29	8:00 am-Darwin		No Mass
	8:30 am - Litchfield	✠	Pam Tacheny Johnson
	5:30 pm - Litchfield		Mass Thanksgiving (A)
Wednesday March 30	8:00 am-Forest City	✠	Lou Huber
	8:00 am - Manannah	✠	Art Birong
Thursday March 31	8:00 am - Darwin	✠	No Mass
	8:00 am-Litchfield	✠	Ron Ebnet
	9:00 am-Bethany Residents Only		People of the Parish
Friday April 1	8:00 am - Manannah	✠	Jeff Dahl
	8:30 am - Litchfield	✠	Delores Speiser
Saturday April 2	4:00 pm - Manannah	✠	Doris Sullivan
	5:00 pm - Darwin	✠	William Huhner
Sunday April 3	8:00 am-Litchfield	✠	Ann Nonweiler
	8:30 am-Manannah	✠	Margaret McCarney
	10:00 am - Darwin	✠	Daniel, Ray, Rose, Gale Posusta
	10:30 am - Litchfield	✠	Ed Konietzko
	12:00 pm-Litchfield (Spanish)		People of the Parish

Area Faith Community Calendar of Events

For More Info go to the AFC website

Monday March 28	AFC - 9 am-5 pm Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit StP - 9:00 am Praise Meeting StP - 1:00 pm Daughters of Isabella OL - 1:30 pm Quilting StP - 5:30 pm Chair Pietra StJ - 6:00 pm Prayer Shawl @ StJ
Tuesday March 29	StP - 8:00 am Rosary AFC - 9 am-8 pm Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit StP - 9:00 am Adoration Begins StP - 9:00 am Mission Quilters StP - 4:00 pm Reconciliation StP - 5:15 pm Benediction AFC - 6:00 pm Meal AFC - 7:00 pm Talk Fr. Aaron Johanneck
Wednesday March 30	StJ - 8:30 am Quilting AFC - 9 am-1pm Eucharistic Miracles StP - 5:00 pm Faith Formation Class Gr 4-6 StJ - 6:15 pm Bible Time Line Study StJ - No Faith Formation Class StP - 6:30 pm Faith Formation Class Gr 7-11 StP - 6:30 pm Usher Training OL - 6:45 pm Faith Formation Class Gr 3-11
Thursday March 31	AFC - 9 am-8 pm Eucharistic Miracles AFC - 7:00 pm Talk followed by a closing
Friday April 1	StP - 8:00 am Rosary OL - 7:00 am Adoration Begins OL - 8:00 am Benediction StJ - 3:00 pm Adoration Begins StJ - 6:00 pm Benediction StJ - 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross followed by Soup & Sandwich StP - 7:00 pm Spanish Station of the Cross
Saturday April 2	AFC - 9:00 am Coffee Talk at StP OL - 9:00 am First Communion Retreat AFC - 10:00 am RCIA Group
Sunday April 3	OL - 9:15 am Sunday School OL - 9:30 am Coffee & Rolls StJ - 10:00 am Children's Liturgy StJ - 11:00 am KC Pancake Breakfast AFC - 6:00 pm Sharing Christ

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

St.P: Todd Wheeler, Isaac Buhr, Beckie Schaefer, Dan Curran, Beverly Lindell, Fran Tintes, Jasper Kargas, Theresa Chiarelli, Antonio Franco, Sylvia Johnson, Jon Laney, Jan Paulson, Jordan Munson, Robin, Caitlin Pitts, Karen Marsh, Shirley Buck, Ed McGraw, Eileen Muhlauer, Dorothy Tacheny, Mary Knutson, Tim Kapperman, Kay Grams, Philip Johnson, Dale Andersen, Darlene Putney, Addie Fairbairn, Josephine Valiant, Carol Huhner, Peg Shaw, Roberta Meyer, Jeremy Munson, Janice Nowak, Carole Becker, Jim Knott, Cletus Sterner, Virginia Ourada, Marge Hanson, Pat Aaker, Mark Gabrielson, Jodi Henricksen Winkles, Dick Nagel, Summer Franco, Florence Rezek. Prayer Line phone number 593-8944.

OL: Prayer Line: Mary Kalkbrenner, Nancy Haag, George Pfeffer, Dolores Wiechmann, McKenzie Knisley Family, Mary Hansen. 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, Jeffery Baert, Patrick Ecklund, Mike Ackerman, Jacob Schmitz, Kathy Eggert, Daralyn Goldsberry, Mary Jo Edwards, Tom & Janice Crowe, Lori Ficker. Prayer Line Phone Number 693-9496.

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

A Note from Fr. Jeff Horejsi

Our final Lenten Penance Service is this Sunday afternoon at St. Philip.

The collection we took up for Ukraine is going to Catholic Relief Services. They have a long history of helping people all over the world in difficult circumstances.

The Vatican Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit is open each day through Thursday evening. I hope you will be able to spend some time learning about Christ's presence with us through these miracles.

We will have the final Mass at St. Gertrude Wednesday at 8:00 am. Of course there is sadness in this ending. But we have hope as Christians that new life will continue to come from the long history of the faithful people who were parishioners at St. Gertrude. They are a blessing to the parishes they have joined. Please note that the auction will close March 31st at midnight, and Pick up day will be Saturday, April 2, 8am—noon.

Our final Usher/Greeter session for new and experienced volunteers will be Wed. at 6:30pm at St. Philip.

I regret to inform you that our AFC Administrator, Brenda Grates, will be taking a different job elsewhere. Her last day with us will be April 8th. Brenda has served the Church of St. Philip and more recently, our AFC, well for 11 years. We will miss her. We will have a reception for her April 6th after the 6:30 pm Faith Formation Family Mass from 7:15—8:30 pm in the Social Hall at St. Philip.

We will be streaming Mass live on our website using Facebook Live every Saturday at 4:00 pm Our Lady, Sunday at 8:00 am at St. Philip, Sunday 10:00 am at St. John. 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.



SHEPHERD OF SOULS YOUTH MINISTRY The next Shepherd of Souls youth event will be an afternoon of bowling and pizza on Saturday, April 30, 1:00 - 3:00 PM at Litchfield Bowl (1227 S. Sibley Ave.). It is open to all AFC youth in grades 5 – 12. As this will be an off-site event, a signed permission form is needed for your child to participate. There is a \$10 fee, and participants are also responsible for the \$2 shoe rental. Families are responsible for transportation to and from the bowling alley. Please contact Nathan Stewart at nstewart@shepherdofsouls.org if you have any questions or need a permission form.

Faith Formation ...**St. Philip - Wednesday, March 30**

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—Grade 3 meet every other Sunday 9:15 - 10:15 am

St. John - Wednesday, March 30

No Faith Formation Classes

Children's Liturgy - Sunday's for ages 3 to Gr 2 at 10:00 am Mass.

Our Lady - Wednesday, March 30

6:45 pm Faith Formation Class Gr 3– 11

Sunday School - Sunday School for Preschool to Gr 2 after Communion until 10:15 am.

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

Readings for the week of March 27, 2022

Sunday: Joshua 5: 9a, 10-12/Psalms 34: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7/
Second Corinthians 5: 17-21/Luke 15: 18/Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

Monday: Isaiah 65: 17-21/Psalms 30: 2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Amos 5: 14/John 4: 43-54

Tuesday: Ezekiel 47: 1-9, 12

/Psalms 46: 2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Psalms 51: 12a, 14a/John 5: 1-16

Wednesday: Isaiah 49: 8-15/Psalms 145: 8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/John 11: 25a, 26/John 5: 17-30

Thursday: Exodus 32: 7-14/Psalms 106: 19-20, 21-22, 23/John 3: 16/John 5: 31-47

Friday: Wisdom 2: 1a, 12-22/Psalms 34: 17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Matthew 4: 4b/John 7: 1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jeremiah 11: 18-20/Psalms 7: 2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Luke 8: 15/John 7: 40-53

Sunday: Isaiah 43: 16-21/Psalms 126: 1-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Philippians 3: 8-14/Joel 2: 13/John 8: 1-11



Our Condolences to the family of Evelyn Dougherty. May Evelyn rest in eternal peace. Her obituary can be found www.hantge.com.

Our Condolences to the family of Mario Briones. May Mario rest in eternal peace. His obituary can be found at www.johnsonhagglund.org

Our Condolences to the family of Gretchen Condon. May Gretchen rest in eternal peace. Her obituary can be found at www.ranfranzandvinefh.com



There will be Coffee & Rolls
Sunday, April 3 at St. Philip's after 8:00 am Mass

Advocacy needed for the hungry-Our AFC Social Concerns Committee encourages everyone to participate in this effort to ask our federal Senators and Representative to vote for making the Child Tax Credit permanent and to increase global nutrition funding to \$300 million. Those who are online, please go to www.bread.org. Scroll down to Offering of Letters to Congress and click on Write to Congress to easily contact your legislators. For those not online, we will have some letters you may sign available after the Masses next weekend.

Church of Our Lady Coffee & Rolls -

Please join us on Sunday, April 3 after the 8:30 am Mass for Coffee & Rolls and fellowship St. Margaret's Circle will be serving - if you belong to this circle we ask that you help with serving and clean up.

Pictorial Directory

Please mark your calendars as we will be having photo sessions for our upcoming pictorial directory. We will be using Universal Church Directories. So, if you had your photo taken with Lifetouch they will need to be retaken. You can go to any of the churches to have your picture taken.

Photo Session Dates

St. Philip - May 3-7, June 14-17

Our Lady - May 20-21

St. John - June 8-11

More information will be coming out.

To sign up you can go to the website www.shepherdofsouls.org and look for Photo Directory Picture Sign up or call Brenda Grates or Julie Schmitz.

We are also looking for volunteers to help with check in at all the churches. If you are available please let Brenda or Julie in the office know.



Usher/Greeter Training

For the time being, we will keep these two ministries as one. These sessions are for new and experienced Ushers/Greeters. You may attend any of these:

Wednesday, March 30 at St. Philip at 6:30 pm.

Eucharistic Adoration



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

Tuesday, March 29, Church of St. Philip

9:00 am Adoration Begins, 4:00 pm Reconciliation,
5:15 pm Benediction

Friday, April 1, Church of Our Lady

7:00 am Adoration Begins, 8:00 am Benediction

Friday, April 1, Church of St. John

3:00 pm Adoration Begins, 6:00 pm Benediction

Everyone is welcome to come and pray!

A Huge Thank You! Knights of Columbus Council 2029 would like to thank everyone who helped with the annual fish fry. Thank you to our Brother Knights, their spouses, and families. The support and help of parishioners, students, staff, and friends of our Area Faith Community was invaluable to the success of the fish fry. Thank you all very much for your time & talents. Knights of Columbus Council 2029 would also like to thank those who purchased the meal. We hope you enjoyed it. Please join us again in 2023.

A Big Thank you to Dennis Caron and Tony Lorber for cleaning the ovens in the St. Philip's kitchen.

The Daughters of Isabella Please come to our D of I meeting this Monday, March 28 at 1 p.m. in our St. Philip's social hall. We will start with our rosary. Our theme will be "The Eucharistic Miracles of the World". The exhibits will be in the church and hallway and west classrooms at St. Philip's. There are 126 photographic historically documented Eucharistic miracles from various countries for us to view. Deacon John Hansen has been in charge of bringing this to our Shepherd of Souls' community. Our business meeting will follow the rosary. We will have food following with Kay Leither and Pat Hanson will hostess. Join us.



AFC Coffee Talk for Women

Saturday, April 2, 2022, 9:00 am at
Church of St. Philip Social Hall

Come for a time of Fellowship, coffee, treats
and door prizes!!!

Bring a friend and your coffee mug.





Vatican Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit

Sponsored by Shepherd of Souls Area Faith Community.

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

1324 The Eucharist is "the source and summit of the Christian life." "The other sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical ministries and works of the apostolate, are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it. For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself, our Pasch."



Mission Statement

The Shepherd of Souls Area Faith Community presents the Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition to enrich the understanding of the Eucharist as professed by the Catholic Church to Christians living in Meeker County and the surrounding area.

One is to make everyone more aware of the remarkable importance of The Eucharist, and

Two is to encourage our youth to see Carlo as a role model in their lives.

Make plans to visit the exhibit @ The Church of St. Philip, Free admission. For schedule see calendar of events or the website. For more info call Deacon John Hansen (320) 221-4987.

Area Lenten Reconciliation Services

Sun, March 27th, 4:00pm at St. Philip, Litchfield

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is also celebrated on Saturdays each week. St. Philip offers the sacrament on the first and third Tuesdays of the month from 4-5 pm.

The sacrament will also be held from 5:00pm to 6:00pm each Friday before Stations.

KC Pancake Breakfast - St. John's

The James A. Hansen Knights of Columbus invite you to a pancake breakfast at St. John's following the 10:00 Mass on April 3. The proceeds will be for Vocations

St. John Quilters will be having a quilt raffle at the breakfast.



The 61st Annual New Ulm Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Convention will be held on Saturday, April 30, 2022 at the Church of Holy Redeemer in Marshall, MN. The theme for the convention is "Trust in His Goodness". The speakers will be Angela Kenneke and Fr. Brendan Rolling, OSB. See bulletin board for more info.

St. Gertrude Church / Rectory Update:

We have created an online auction for everyone to be able to bid on memorabilia that they would like to own from the church.

To access the online auction go www.galabid.com/stgertrude

Bidding is open now and you can bid until midnight on Thursday, March 31st and you will need to pick up your items at the Church of St. Gertrude on Saturday, April 2nd from 8am—12pm.

You are able to create an account and bid one or all the items available. Please take a look and if you are unable to access a computer or would need help with the online auction please call Brenda Grates at St. Philip's Church 320.693.3313 ext. 100

All monies that will be paid for church items will be used for the St. Gertrude Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund.

****Our Final Daily Mass at the Church will be Wednesday, March 30th at 8:00am**



Please Join us as we gather together to pray

STATIONS OF THE CROSS Each Friday of Lent at 6:00pm.

We will have "Stations" each Friday of Lent to be held at one of our Parishes. This year we **will have a soup supper to follow.** Gathering together as members of our AFC Parishes is a wonderful way to pray for each other. Please join us each Friday during Lent as we pray, meditating on the Lord's suffering and death for us.

Our Schedule is as follows.

April 1 @ Church of St. John, Darwin

April 8 @ Church of Our Lady, Manannah

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

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

Something to Watch: Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage

In Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage, the viewer is brought deeper into the story, landscape, and reality of Holy Week. It draws those with open hearts and minds toward a deeper understanding of Christ's victory while offering rich meditations for the pilgrimage of daily life.

Something to Learn: Beloved: FORMED Now! Holy Saturday—Jesus's Descent into Hell

What do we mean when we profess that Jesus descended into Hell? Join Drs. Tim Gray and Michael Barber as they discuss this mysterious event of Holy Saturday.

Something to Listen to: Holy Week by Dr. Brant Pitre

Join Dr. Brant Pitre, author and Scripture scholar, as he walks us through the events of Holy Week. Pitre's insights and clarity allow the listener to enter into a deeper appreciation of the most important events of Christ's earthly ministry.

To sign up for Formed: Go to website, Click on Sign up, Sign up as a Parishioner, find Shepherd of Souls AFC and enter your name & email address.

40 Days For Life - ST CLOUD VIGIL PEACEFUL, PRAYERFUL VIGIL continues until April 10th. We pray Mon-Fri 7am-7pm, on the sidewalk in front of the planned parenthood abortion center in East St. Cloud. WE PRAY FOR AN END TO LEGALIZED ABORTION! Come join us in prayer---even if you can't remain an entire hour---just come join us when you are in St Cloud. ASSUMPTION VIGIL: In solidarity with this St Cloud Vigil, Assumption Parish, EV is holding a PEACEFUL PRAYERFUL VIGIL Saturday's, April 2 & April 9th from 9:30am-3:30p.
Contact Judy Haag: judy4life@meltel.net 320-453-7592

Open House Bridal Shower for Kjerstein Meyer bride of Riley Johnson will be held on Sat. April 2 at the St. John Education Center from 10:30 am -12:30 pm.

Thank you! Thank you for all the prayers, meals & cards that I received. I'm doing much better thanks to all of you. We are truly blessed. *Leon & Carol Schumacher*

Benefit for Mary (Brecht) Homan - Saturday, April 9, 2022 at the Litchfield Eagles Club. Noon to 5:00 pm Food, Silent Auction, Ticket Raffle and Live Music. Mary was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma in July of 2021. Cash donations can be made at Center National Bank.

Bishop Robert Barron -Conversion - Join us after Mass on every other Thursday at St. John's Church for Bishop Robert Barron's Conversion video's and discussion.

Folding Chairs For Sale - St. John's has folding chairs for sale. They are \$3 a chair. Please contact Julie at the Parish Office if you are interested 320-693-9496.



School of St. Philip Employment Opportunities

We are looking for the following for the 2022-2023 School year:

- ❖ School Principal
- ❖ First Grade Teacher
- ❖ Fourth/Fifth Grade Teacher
- ❖ Music Teacher

If you are interested in applying please visit the school website www.schoolofstphilip.org or the AFC website www.shepherdofsouls.org for more details and application.

Employment Opportunity - AFC Administrator for Shepherd of Souls Area Faith Community

The purpose of the AFC Administrator is to assist the pastor of the AFC in the management of the business functions of the area faith community and its parishes. Provide the pastor with a comprehensive and integrated overview of the financial, building and grounds, personnel, and operations of the corporations. Manage the financial and administrative duties of these corporations to allow the pastor and associate pastor(s) to concentrate on the pastoral needs. Please see our shepherdofsouls.org site for a job description.

Join us for our Lenten Videos - We will be meeting at St. Philip's in a classroom on Tuesdays, 9:00 am. Drop ins welcome - no books
March 29 - Presence Part 3
April 5-Bishop Barron & Fr. Mike Schmitz on Holy Week.

SUNDAY CONTRIBUTIONS and OFFERINGS FROM THE WEEKEND OF:

March 20, 2022

OFFERINGS	St. John	Our Lady	St. Philip
Youth & Children Envelope		\$34.00	
Adult Envelope	\$3,901.00	\$1,873.00	\$3,467.00
ACH (Auto payment)	\$110.00		\$2,405.00
Loose Plate Collection	\$48.00	\$241.00	\$555.00
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERING	\$3,130.00	\$2,148.00	\$6,427.00
Weekly Amount needed for budget	\$4,059.00	\$2,081.00	\$7,944.00
This Week's Difference	\$823.00	\$67.00	(\$1,517.00)
YEAR TO DATE SUNDAY OFFERING	\$144,213.19	\$82,388.36	\$312,489.92
Year to Date Budget Needs	\$122,468.00	\$79,078.00	\$301,872.00
YEAR TO DATE DIFFERENCE	\$21,745.19	\$3,310.36	\$10,617.92

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.

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.

Bulletin Announcements: Please have your bulletin announcements to Julie at jschmitz@shepherdofsouls.org. By noon on Tuesday. 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 Fr. Brian or 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.

Diocesan Catholic Charities:

1-866-670-5163



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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