

Shepherd of Souls Area Faith Community Lenten Mission

Eucharistic Revival: The Gift of Christ's Body and Blood; given, received and shared.



Our Speaker for for this four-day Mission will be Shawn Colberg.

Shawn is Dean of the School of Theology for St. John's University. Shawn grew up as a member of St. John's parish and his parents are Mike and Karin Colberg.

Bring the family, bring a friend, come as you are; just be sure to join us for an encounter with Christ in the Eucharist.

All events will take place at St. Philip's Church
821 E. 5th Street • Litchfield

Sunday Feb. 26th

3 pm • Family Friendly topic and activities with a meal to follow

Monday Feb 27

6 pm meal • 7 pm Mission

Tuesday Feb 28

6 pm meal • 7 pm Mission

Wednesday Mar 1

6 pm meal • 7 pm Mission

For questions call Brenda at the parish office 320-693-3313 Ext 100 or bgrates@shepherdofsouls.org.

www.shepherdofsouls.org for more information.

Eucharistic Adoration will be offered on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 5pm - 6pm. Come and spend some time with Jesus

Need a Ride?

Do you want to join us for the mission but, don't drive at night or don't have transportation?

The **St. Philip's Knights of Columbus** will be providing a CCT bus for anyone willing to join us. There will be no charge for the ride, but you do need to sign up by **Monday, February 20th** if you'd like a ride.

Call Brenda at 320.693.3313 ext. 100 to sign up.

The **St. John's Knights of Columbus** will be providing rides from the Dassel, Cokato, Darwin area please call Tim at 320.282.9389 to schedule a ride.

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Church of St Philip, Litchfield

Church of St John, Darwin



Church of Our Lady, Manannah

WHAT IS LENT? Lent is the annual preparation for Easter observance calling us to reform our lives and to open our hearts to the spiritual blessings God has promised to bestow on us. Lent begins Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Thursday evening when the Triduum begins.

WHAT MUST I DO? According to the Church's Canon Law, all healthy Catholics from age 18 to 59 are required to fast and abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, and to abstain from meat on all other Fridays of Lent.

Youth 14 and older are also to abstain from meat on those days. "Fasting" means that no more than one main meal is eaten daily, while in the same day no more than two partial meals are eaten which together don't equal the one main meal.

WHAT SHOULD I DO? Take the necessary steps to get yourself on the road to conversion and spiritual renewal. To help you do this, the three

main Lenten disciplines urged are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. We are invited during Lent to practice these disciplines often. But these aren't just chores we must do because the Church strongly urges them; they are above all opportunities to grow in faith and in love for God and others.

WHY PRAYER, FASTING AND ALMS? The Lenten basic practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving are rooted in Jesus' original guidance about how to be his disciples that we find in the Sermon on the Mount. The Catechism of the Catholic Church also reminds us that Jesus here outlines for us the new law which, if we embrace and implement it, will lead us more surely to the interior renewal and growth in holiness and perfection that Jesus expects of us as his disciples.

SHOULD I SET GOALS? Absolutely. Reflect prayerfully about your Lenten resolutions before making them. Then make yourself a list. But be modest. You may be setting yourself up for disappointments if you set unrealistic goals. And doing a little with love and devotion is spiritually more beneficial than trying to do much but doing it halfheartedly.

THE THREE BASIC LENTEN DISCIPLINES.

FASTING: Expresses our desire to find happiness in God rather than in the satisfaction of our physical needs. The control we gain over our appetites helps us recognize more deeply that all true and lasting pleasure comes from God. Knowing this we are freed to gratefully accept food and savor it, or to avoid or limit foods that we know are unhealthy for us. Through fasting our relationship to ourselves is reoriented toward God.

ALMSGIVING: Provides assistance to the poor among us and helps us recognize God as the true source of our security. Property and wealth exercise less control over us when we give away or share our wealth out of love for God and for others. Almsgiving is a way of bringing our relationship to others into the orbit of Christ's love.

PRAYER: Changes our relationship to God. Through prayer, we admit our need for a power that is greater than ourselves. We acknowledge our limitations and let go of the drive to control everything. In the process, we open ourselves to all that God has to offer us.

Did you know that some families in Ghana, Malawi and Zambia face a daily struggle for survival in part because they lack access to safe, clean water?

Cross Catholic Outreach is trying to help them by installing 69 wells, building sanitary latrines with 25 toilets and provide valuable training in communities battling frequent drought conditions and problems with waterborne diseases.

How can we here in our Area Faith Community Help?

We are collecting donations during this time of Lent to help off set the cost of the wells and latrines. If you would like to donate to this outreach program you may do so by placing a donation in the collection basket labeled Well Project, or bringing your donation to your parish office. For more information, go to

CrossCatholic.org/Lent-parishes.



CHRISM MASS

The Annual Diocesan Chrism Mass is scheduled for **Thursday, March 30th at 7:00pm at the Church of the Holy Redeemer, Marshall** Please watch the AFC Bulletin for updated information as we receive it.



**Lent begins Wednesday, February 22nd
Ash Wednesday Masses
in our Area Faith Community**

Church of St. Philip

12:00pm Mass & 7:00pm Mass

Church of St John

8:00am Mass at Church

5:30pm at the Education Center

Church of Our Lady

7:00pm Mass



Area Lenten Reconciliation Services

Sunday, March 5th

4:00pm St. Philip, Litchfield

Wednesday, March 8th

6:45pm Our Lady, Manannah

Sunday, March 12th

4:00pm Our Lady, Manannah

Wednesday, March 15th

6:30pm St. John's Education Center

Sunday, March 19th

4:00pm St. John, Darwin

Wednesday, March 22nd

6:30pm 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.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY

Saturday, April 1, 2023

Our Lady: 4:00pm

St John: 5:00pm

Sunday, April 2, 2023

Our Lady: 8:30am

St John: 10:00am

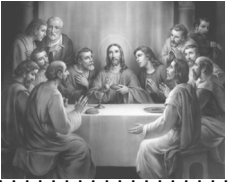
**St. Philip: 8:00am, 10:30am,
12pm (Spanish)**

HOLY THURSDAY, April 6, 2023

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

7:00PM

at the Church of St. Philip



GOOD FRIDAY April 7, 2023

Passion & Communion Services

St. Philip @ 12:00pm

Our Lady @ 3:00pm

St John @ 7:00pm

EASTER VIGIL April 8, 2023

8:00pm at the Church of St. Philip

EASTER SUNDAY April 9, 2023

Our Lady @ 8:30am

St John @ 10:00am

**St. Philip @ 8:00am & 10:30am &
12:00pm (Spanish)**



Check out our AFC website for all Parish and AFC upcoming events, bulletins, newsletters, google calendar with mass schedule, etc.

www.shepherdofsouls.org



Knights of Columbus

Litchfield PJ Casey #2029

16th Annual

Fish Fry

Friday, March 17, 2023

Dine in or take out at The Church of St. Philip

Serving from 11:00am - 7:00pm

(or until they run out of fish)



The Church of St. Philip's Gala for 2023 has been scheduled for **Friday, April 21st.**

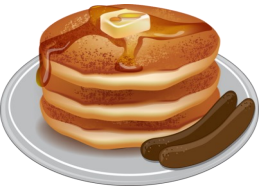
We have the Black & Whyte dueling piano's scheduled.

Tickets will be available soon!

Please Save the date for this fun evening of food, fun & entertainment. Watch the website and bulletin for more information.

If you are willing to help make this night a success please contact Brenda at 320.693.3313 Ext. 100.

**CHURCH OF OUR LADY MANANNAH
Sausage & Pancake Supper**



Sunday, April 23rd

4:00pm—7:00pm

**Serving: Pancakes, Sausage, apple sauce,
beverage and dessert.**



Do you have an interest in being a part of a community garden? We started one on the land in front of St. John's Education Center. If you would

like more information, please contact Taylor Johanek at 320-493-2603 or lake.field.farm.mn@gmail.com.



School of St. Philip Registration

We are now open for registration for the 2023-2024 school year. You can register online at www.schoolofstphilip.org or stop in at the school office. We offer Kindergarten through 5th grade. Our Catholic school provides an excellent academic education in an atmosphere where Catholic values are taught, modeled, and reinforced. We welcome students of all ages and all faith traditions.

This is a great time of year for new families to come in and visit, see our students in action, and meet the teachers. Please contact Mrs. Scheevel to schedule a visit.

Mrs. Jenna Scheevel, Principal 320-693-6283 (school)

Daily Lenten Reflections

This Lent, we invite you to journey with Dr. Tim Gray by signing up for Daily Lenten Reflections. Each day you will receive in your inbox a short video which features Dr. Gray commenting on the daily Mass Readings, explaining the Scriptures, and providing you with concrete ideas on how to apply them to your life.

Sign up on formed.org

Baptismal Preparation Sessions

This year's Baptismal Preparation Session's will be on February 18, May 20, August 19, November 18. It will be 8:30 am to 12:00 pm at St. Philip's Social Hall.

Couples from our Area Faith Community who are expecting or have had children are asked to attend a session before celebrating baptism. Please call or text Deacon Roger 320-894-8618 to register.

"The Word Among Us"



Make Time this Lent for Reading the Scriptures
This magazine has the daily scripture readings and a meditation for each day of lent. Copies are available at the entrances of the church.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

We encourage every family to participate in this year's Operation Rice Bowl Campaign to help feed the needy of the world.

Dear Parishioners:

Every other year, our AFC puts lots of time and effort into a Mission. Please see the last page of this newsletter for all the details of our Mission on the Eucharist. Please come to as many of the sessions as you are able.. I want to encourage all of us to take the opportunity to be reconciled with God and one another this Lent. Please see in this newsletter the many opportunities to celebrate Reconciliation, Stations and other events this Lent.

With you in prayer, fasting and almsgiving, Father Jeff Horejsi



BISHOP LUCKER LECTURE

Fr. Monshau, O.P. will be speaking about The National Eucharistic Revival which is a movement to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery here in the United States by helping us renew our worship of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. This lecture will be on **Monday, March 13, 7 pm.** at the Church of St. Catherine in Redwood Falls.



Coffee Talk

Mark your calendars to join us for the upcoming Coffee Talks.



Saturday, March 4th at 9:00am at The Church of St. Philip
Saturday, April 1st at 9:00am at The Church of St. John’s Education Center
Saturday, May 6th at 9:00am at The Church of St. Philip



On Feb. 24, many of our AFC youth will be participating in an evening of laser light tubing at Powder Ridge! We look forward to many more youth sessions and events, both on-site at Shepherd of Souls, and off-site trips. These sessions are open to grades 5-12, so be on the lookout for more youth opportunities! Contact Nathan Stewart for more information if you’d like to volunteer to help!

**Men’s Catholic Enrichment
“Band of Brothers”**

A Saturday Morning Video Enrichment Program for Men of our Parishes to gather for Coffee, Enrichment and Discussion. The Group Meets the 2nd and 4th Saturday’s of the month at St Philip’s Church.

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**Take time for yourself.
Take time to be in the presence of God.
Renew and strengthen your
relationship with God amid quiet and beauty.**

Are you looking for a place to go for a Catholic Retreat. Check out the King’s House, Buffalo, MN

They have retreats for singles or couples, group or silent retreat. For more information on what they have to offer check out the website at www.kingshouse.com or give them a call at 763.682.1394

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults



The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is the process by which our Church prepares adults for Baptism and the other Sacraments of Initiation, Confirmation and Holy Communion. Their journey begins with reviewing basics of the Catholic Faith, then continues as they grow closer in relationship to God and grow into becoming faithful followers of Jesus in the Catholic Church. The process is more intense during Lent as the candidates prepare for receiving the sacraments at the Easter Vigil. After Easter, we will continue to meet and talk about living out our faith.

This Lent, we have many people preparing for Confirmation and Holy Communion. We also have three people preparing for Baptism. We will bless them as they are sent forth to be called to continued conversion and preparation at the Cathedral in New Ulm on the first Sunday of Lent. These people are growing in their faith. We pray for them and offer our support as Church. Please pray for them as they prepare for Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Communion at the Easter Vigil.

We need people to help on the RCIA team to support this important ministry. This is a commitment especially during the time of the year when we have sessions for RCIA. You will be helping plan the process, mentoring those in the process, and sharing your faith as we have our sessions. Please contact Fr. Brian 320-693-3313, ext. 108, if you are interested.



Eucharistic Adoration

He waiting for you to come spend time praying.

Eucharistic Adoration will be on :
Monday, Feb. 27—Wed., Mar. 1 at **St. Philip**
Adoration begins at 5:00, benediction at 5:55pm
Friday, March 3 at **The Church of St. John**
Adoration begins at 1:00pm, Reconciliation at 5pm, benediction/Stations at 6:00 pm
Friday, March 3 at **The Church of Our Lady**
Adoration begins at 7:00am, Reconciliation at 8am, benediction/Mass at 8:00am
Tuesday, March 7 at **The Church of St. Philip**
Adoration begins at 8:30 am, Reconciliation at 4pm, benediction at 5:15 pm and Mass at 5:30 pm
Tuesday, March 21 at **The Church of St. Philip**
Adoration begins at 8:30 am, Reconciliation at 4pm, benediction at 5:15 pm and Mass at 5:30 pm
Tuesday, April 4 at **The Church of St. Philip**
Adoration begins at 8:30 am, Reconciliation at 4pm, benediction at 5:15 pm and Mass at 5:30 pm

Please Join us as we gather together to pray

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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. 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.

February 24 @ Church of Our Lady, Manannah
March 3 @ Church of St. John, Darwin
March 10 @ Church of St. Philip, Litchfield
March 17@ Church of Our Lady, Manannah
March 24 @ Church of St. John, Darwin
March 31 @ Church of St. Philip, Litchfield

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