

To Accomplish God's Work

ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH

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St. Philip's Church

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Parish Staff

Pastor:	
Fr. Chuck Huck	441-4901
Parochial Vicar:	
Fr. Bryan Kujawa	441-4902
Deacon/Bookkeeper:	
Deacon Kermit Erickson	441-4903
Deacon/Parish Administrator:	
Deacon Robb Naylor	441-4904
Director of Stewardship & Development:	
Maryhelen Chadwick	441-4906
Director of Music & Liturgy:	
Aana Freihammer	441-4905
Director of Preschool & Elementary Faith Formation/Safe Environ. Coordinator:	
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Director of Youth Ministry/Middle & High School Faith Formation:	
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Director of Campus Ministry & Adult Formation:	
Nancy Goodman	441-4907
Parish Office Coordinator:	
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Facility Maintenance Supervisor:	
Larry Mack	
Maintenance Support Staff:	
Greg Allen	
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St. Philip's School Staff

218-444-4938

Principal:	
Jana Norgaard	ext. 4941
School Office Staff:	
Stephanie Glen	441-4940
Kerry Frauenholtz	441-4942
Camille Moreno	441-4943
Rachel Midgarden	441-4943

Sister Parish

St. Charles Pennington

Saturday at 4:00 PM

(Memorial weekend to Labor Day)

Newman Catholic Ministries

BSU/NWTC

Events held at various locations on BSU campus. All sacramental events take place at St. Philip's Church.

St. Philip's Clothing Depot

218-444-3835

Tuesday through Saturday
9:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Manager:

Norma Himmelright

Diocese of Crookston

Victim Assistance Coordinator:

Cindy Hulst, LSW
218-281-7895

21st Sunday Ordinary Time Greetings,

August 26, 2018

John 6: 68-71, Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." Jesus answered them, "Did I not choose you twelve? Yet is not one of you a devil?" He was referring to Judas, son of Simon the Iscariot; it was he who would betray him, one of the Twelve."

The recent headlines regarding, Archbishop McCarrick and the findings of the Grand Jury in Pennsylvania, are overwhelming and heart breaking, my immediate reaction was: "once again, secrets are tearing us apart." We are the people of God, we chose to live a life centered around the Gospel message of Jesus Christ. Our message of love has been betrayed. Even worse, it was betrayed by priests and bishops who were called to a higher moral standard. The failure of these men who placed their own desires above the needs of another can shake faith to the core, or even whose cause people to abandon the faith. As clerics we are entrusted with the care of souls, knowing the Gospel message, how could they choose to betray Jesus?

In the past, we have apologized to victims of abuse and promised we would do whatever it took to stop this evil from happening again. Bishop Hoepfner has provided a statement we include with this bulletin: "It is important that we promise to continue, with renewed effort, our commitment to build in the Church, as Pope Francis puts it, "a culture of care that says 'never again' to any form of abuse." To this end, Cardinal DiNardo, President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, has announced that, with an approval vote of the Conference, we will ask the Holy See to conduct an Apostolic Visitation in which a thorough investigation of these matters, utilizing qualified laypersons, can be undertaken. Changes are necessary so that sins and failures of the past are not repeated." (emphasis is mine)

It is time for improved accountability. Enough of evil actions by perpetrators and those who have in the past hid the actions of a few and hurt the many faithful. As Pope Francis stated in His letter of August 20th, "with shame and repentance, we acknowledge as an ecclesial (church) community that we were not where we should have been, that we did not act in a timely manner, realizing the magnitude and the gravity of the damage done to so many lives..."

Here at St Philip's we have many victims of abuse in our midst. I am thankful for those who have sought the help they needed to assist them as they heal from the abuse. I am thankful for the faith and trust they demonstrate in the courageous way they live their lives. I acknowledge the hurt caused every time the news is of another abuse or cover-up... This crisis has not gone away and will not go away until full accountability is practiced by the Catholic Church. As your pastor, I will work to improve accountability, following protective measures and challenging leadership to place community over the institution of the Church. We must use as a guideline, the core Catholic social teaching: every individual is sacred...and we are our brothers and sisters keepers...

As we pray together, let us ask God to teach us, encourage us, and guide us in our expression of sorrow and our hope for a church, that as the people of God we will be able to stand strong and to follow what is Holy, and True. The first Wednesday of each month we will offer a "Votive Mass for the Church" inviting all parishioners to attend.

May God be with us as we stop the betrayal, expose the betrayal, and heal as a community of believers in God's infinite love and mercy. *Fr. Chuck*

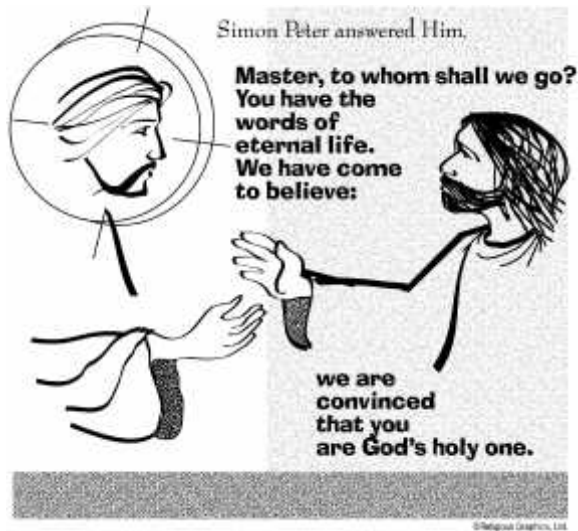
Your Parish Representatives:

Parish Council Members: Ben Baird, Andrew Dondelinger, Anita Froelich, Jim Gorham, Cynthia Haskin, Rich Marsolek, Elizabeth Mathews, Mary Scofield, Tracie Walter

Finance Council Members: Jeff Cwikla, Amy Haskell, Claude Sand

School Council Members: Jaclyn Bergerson, Erin Curran, Christine Louvar, James Marcotte, Trudy Peterson, Scott Winter

Trustees: Hank Krigbaum, Maggie McCalip



Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 26, 2018

All things are of your will,
my God!

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

For Week of August 27 to September 2

MASS INTENTIONS

For Week of August 27 to September 2

Monday, Aug 27

8:30 AM Mass: +Bill Fulton

Tuesday, Aug 28

6:30 PM Mass: Sharon Hanks

Wednesday, Aug 29

8:30 AM Mass (Prayer Partner): +Ellen Vonasek

Thursday, Aug 30

7:00 AM Mass: +Dennis Weber

Friday, Aug 31

8:30 AM Mass: +Gracie & Terry Terres

Saturday, Sept 1

4:00 PM Mass (Pennington): +Vera Moos

5:30 PM Mass: +Chuck Schmitt & Special Intentions

Sunday, Sept 2

7:30 AM Mass: +Merlyn Stai

9:00 AM Mass: +Bev Aultman

11:00 AM Mass: +Patt Rall

6:30 PM Mass: For the People

Monday, Aug 27

10:00 AM to 9:00 PM Adoration (Chapel)

7:00 PM AA Mtg (St. Gregory the Great Rm)

7:00 PM Nightlights (St. Kateri Rm)

Tuesday, Aug 28

6:00 AM to 9:00 PM Adoration (Chapel)

4:00 PM School Open House

7:00 PM Building Committee Mtg (St. Kateri Rm)

7:30 PM Marian Devotions (Chapel)

Wednesday, Aug 29

8:30 AM Prayer Partner Mass

Thursday, Aug 30 First Day of School at St. Philip's

Friday, Aug 31

Saturday, Sept 1

3:00 PM Brad Clemens/Jasmin Yerbich Wedding

4:30 PM Reconciliation (Chapel)

Sunday, Sept 2

8:35 AM Rosary (Chapel)

10:15 AM Rosary (Chapel)

DAILY READINGS

For August 27 to September 2

Monday, Aug 27

2 Thes 1:1-5,11-12

Ps 96:1-5

Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday, Aug 28

2 Thes 2:1-3a,14-17

Ps 96:10-13

Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday, Aug 29

2 Thes 3:6-10,16-18

Ps 128:1-2,4-5

Mk 6:17-29

Thursday, Aug 30

1 Cor 1:1-9

Ps 145:2-7

Mt 24:42-51

Friday, Aug 31

1 Cor 1:17-25

Ps 33:1-2,4-5,10-11

Mt 25:1-13

Saturday, Sept 1

1 Cor 1:26-31

Ps 33:12-13,18-21

Mt 25:14-30

Sunday, Sept 2

Dt 4:1-2,6-8

Ps 15:2-5

Jas 1:17-18,21b-22,27

Mk 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Baptism Preparation Class

Parents or prospective parents who wish to present a child for Baptism are asked to attend a baptism preparation class. The next session will be on September 9. Please call the Parish Office at 444-4262 to register, or for more information.

St. Philip's extends condolences to the family of **Robert Laginess**, father of Glen Laginess. May he find rest and peace and may his family find comfort in God's love.



St. Philip's extends best wishes to **Kyle Dressing and Billie Bruns**, who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage at St. Philip's on August 18.

PARISH LIFE

First Saturday Rosary

All are invited to join praying the Rosary at Neilson Place (Chapel) on Saturday, September 1 at 10:30 AM. If you know someone at Neilson Place that you would like to invite, please call/text their name to Anita Froelich at 766-4692.

NIGHTLIGHTS TO MEET

Nightlights, a nondenominational support group for anyone who has a loved one with mental illness will hold its monthly meeting Monday, August 27, 2018 at 7 PM in the St. Kateri Rm, St. Philips Church. With questions, please call 444.4262.

RCIA and Beyond Startup

We would like to invite anyone who is interested in joining the Catholic Church or who would just like to know more about the church and/or your faith, to join us for our first RCIA and Beyond session of the year. Our first session will include a tour of the church and some time for questions you may have about the Catholic faith and RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation). When and where: Sunday, August 26th, in the St. Kateri Room. The second and third sessions are scheduled for Sept 9th and Sept 30th. For more information please call Deacon Kermit at 441-4903 or Deacon Robb at 441-4904.

I would like to express my deepest appreciation and gratitude to Fr. Chuck, the entire staff, and all the parishioners for allowing me to serve St. Philip's parish this summer. I feel truly blessed to have built new relationships and acquaintances this summer with so many wonderful people. May God continue to pour out his blessings upon St. Philip's parish and I will continue to keep you in my prayers.
~Deacon Michael Arey

Retrouvaille

Save a marriage. Are you or someone you know, living in the pain of a marriage in trouble? *Retrouvaille* can help. The next program starts Sept. 14, 2018 at Country Inn & Suites in St. Cloud, MN. Call 320-255-5314 or check the website www.helpourmarriage.org for more information. Preregistration is required. Space is limited.

Eucharistic Ministers Training Coming Soon!

If you have ever thought about helping distribute of Holy Communion at Mass, now is a good time to answer the call to this ministry. No special skills are needed. We provide training and schedule you according to your availability.

To become an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion you must be:

- an adult (or a youth at least in 11th grade) who has been confirmed, and
- a practicing Catholic in good standing with the Roman Catholic Church.

To help you get started in this ministry, contact Aana Freidhammer afreidhammer@stphilipsbemidji.org or call 218-441-4905.

Wanted: Taste of Faith Bake Sale Coordinator

Position: Decorate Blue Ribbon Bake Sale area and price baked goods Saturday afternoon. Decorations and pricing guidelines provided. Help coordinate volunteers to sell items and manage display of products after Sat. evening Mass and during Sunday event (7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.) Job share encouraged! **Benefits:** Hours surrounded by heavenly smell of baked goods and true contribution to vital parish fundraising event. **Contact:** Maryhelen Chadwick (mhchadwick@stphilipsbemidji.org or 218-441-4906).

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Weekly Goals

- Goal to meet budget: \$ 19,445.00
- Increase for Roof/AC project (1 yr to go): \$ 1,722.00
- Increase for maintenance escrow (3 yrs to go): \$ 1,126.00
- Weekly Goal Total: \$22,293.00**

Total Actual Contributions, Week #8 \$24,083.24
(Weekend of 8/19/18)

Fiscal Year to Date:

Last: \$151,425.42 ~ Current: \$165,143.11

STEWARDSHIP ~ A HABIT OF THE HEART

Last Week's Mass Attendance

Aug 18 (Pennington)	4:00 p.m.	60
Aug 18	5:30 p.m.	211
Aug 19	7:30 a.m.	195
Aug 19	9:00 a.m.	327
Aug 19	11:00 a.m.	257
Aug 19	6:30 p.m.	122

LOST – Can you help?

If you were part of the Ascension Press Bible Study, **Matthew: The King & His Kingdom**, would you check to see if you have the CD's to this study? Would you please contact Nancy if you have the CD's? Leave a message at 218-441-4907 or ngoodman@stphilipsbemidji.org. Thanks for checking!

"Till Death Do Us Part"

Retreat for Widows & Widowers September 7 & 8

St. Philip's Social Hall

Presented by Fr. Chuck Huck



This retreat is designed for widows or widowers who are on the journey of a life after the death of a spouse. We will search to see how God blesses and is active in our lives: in the past, in our new self, our family, our friends, and the future. We will explore the changes in our pattern of life and how we cope with the world in a new "normal." We will search for meaning in the question: How can our relationship with Jesus bring us fulfillment, peace, and joy?

Participants will be asked to bring a picture of their spouse, family and their memories (good & difficult) they would be willing to share.

There will be a limited number of participants, so register early by calling the Parish Office, 218-444-4262.

*Suggested donation for this retreat is \$10 to cover materials and food, but no applicant will be turned away because of money.

Friday, Sept 7 from 6 to 9 PM (beverages & snacks included)

Saturday, Sept 8 from 9 AM to 5 PM (beverages, continental breakfast, lunch & snacks included)

Dynamic Catholic Event

WHO: Speaker, *Jonathan Fanning*

WHAT: "FIND YOUR GREATNESS" Based on Matthew Kelly's book *The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic*, you will be introduced to four simple ways to reach your full potential. This half-day event features live music and includes a free bag of Dynamic Catholic resources for every attendee. (not recommended for under age 10)

WHEN: September 22, 2018, 9:00 AM – 1:30 PM

WHERE: Sacred Heart Catholic Church – 200 Third St. NW East Grand Forks, MN 56721

WHY: Great habits create great lives. What are your habits? Are they helping you become the-best-version-of-yourself? Join us for Find Your Greatness to discover the four habits that will radically transform your life . . . and re-energize your parish.

HOW: We could carpool or charter a bus if enough are interested. Please leave your contact info & message for Nancy by calling 218-441-4907 or email ngoodman@stphilipsbemidji.org ASAP, or by September 7.

Dynamic Catholic Event

WHO: Speaker, *Matthew Kelly*

WHAT: "PASSION & PURPOSE" This event features live music from singer-songwriter Eliot Morris, and includes a free bag of Dynamic Catholic resources for every attendee.

WHEN: September 29, 2018, 7:00 – 10:00 PM

WHERE: Minneapolis Convention Center – 1301 2nd Avenue S Minneapolis, MN 55403

WHY: Are you thriving or just surviving? Do you want more energy? A deeper sense of purpose? Join us for *Living Every Day with Passion & Purpose*, presented by internationally acclaimed speaker Matthew Kelly. It's not your typical church event.

HOW: We could carpool, charter a bus and make overnight accommodations if enough people are interested. Please leave your contact info & message for Nancy by calling 218-441-4907 or email ngoodman@stphilipsbemidji.org ASAP, or by September 15th.

Everyone Welcome!

St. Charles Catholic Church, Cass Lake, MN

Salad Luncheon

Thursday, August 30 ~ 11 AM to 1 PM

Serving: Assorted salads, buns, bars, coffee & lemonade

Cost: \$6.00 per person

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Little Flowers/St. Therese girls clubs are in need of volunteers for the 2018/2019 school year. Meetings are held Mondays after school to 5:00 in St. Philip's Social Hall. The program uses stories about female saints, their virtues, Bible verses connected to the virtues, crafts, Catholic prayers and tradition. If you are interested in working with these groups, please call Gerri Daigle-333-8651.

Adopt a First-Year Student?

OK, not legally, but spiritually. Did you know that statistics report that 70-95% percent of Catholics entering college leave their faith during these college years? It's hard to navigate college life without enough support. Students go from living with a family to the extremes of dorm life. (Think "Animal House.") As a community of believers, we can combat the new normal and give them the support they need to keep their path. We can invite them into our home for a home-cooked meal, get to know them better, check on their day-to-day life, pray for them, pray with them, attend Mass together, or join in family activities. Maybe your student would like to earn a little extra spending money and would like to babysit, mow lawns, bake, shovel snow, tutor kids, or whatever. Leave a message for Nancy at 218-441-4907 or ngoodman@stphilipsbemidji.org.



"The fundamental human right, the presupposition of every other right, is the right to life itself. This is true of life from the moment of conception until its natural end. Abortion, consequently, cannot be a human right – it is the very opposite. It is a deep wound in society." ~ Pope Benedict XVI

The Minnesota Dept. of Health released its annual report in late June, revealing a startling increase in the number of abortions committed last year—6,234, an increase of 605 over 2016.

Full report at: www.health.state.mn.us/divs/chs/pubs/abrpt/docs/Abortion2017.pdf

Marriage Celebration Day

Bishop Michael J. Hoeppner invites all of the faithful to join him and married couples from across the Diocese of Crookston for the 2018 Marriage Celebration Day on Sunday, October 7 at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Crookston. The celebration will begin with Sunday Mass at 2:30 PM during which couples will be honored. All married couples as well as widows and widowers will receive a special blessing from Bishop and each couple will receive a gift in thanksgiving for their support of marriage. Following Mass, supper will be served. If you are planning to stay for the meal, please RSVP by September 24th at www.crookston.org/marriageday or by calling the Diocese of Crookston at 218-281- 4533.

Bemidji Area Church Musicians

2018 SUMMER RECITAL SERIES

Our 31st Season!

August 29 ~ Noon to 12:30 PM

Turtle Island Ensemble

Sarah Carlson, piano, Sonja Connell, cello, Jon Romer, native flute, Bob Madeson, euphonium, Mike Tangen, guitar

First Lutheran Church

900 Bemidji Avenue NE

Free-will offering to support music scholarships.

Lunch will be available following the recital.

Cost to be announced.

Upcoming Retreats...

CHRIST THE KING RETREAT CENTER

621 First Ave South – Buffalo, MN 55313

WOMEN'S SILENT MIDWEEK RETREAT

Theme: "Be Patient in Affliction"

Date: September 11 – 13, 2018

Presented by: King's House Preaching Team

Suggested Offering: \$160 per person/\$100 per person for students (includes \$30 deposit to reserve a rm)

WOMEN'S SILENT WEEKEND RETREAT

Theme: "Be Patient in Affliction"

Date: September 14 – 16, 2018

Presented by: King's House Preaching Team

Suggested Offering: \$160 per person/\$100 per person for students (includes \$30 deposit to reserve a rm)

MEN'S SILENT WEEKEND RETREAT

Theme: "Be Patient in Affliction"

Date: September 21 – 23, 2018

Presented by: King's House Preaching Team

Suggested Offering: \$160 per person/\$100 per person for students (includes \$30 deposit to reserve a rm)

Digging Deeper Class

Why aren't you "Digging Deeper" into your faith? Why are you Catholic? Did you ever wish you had an answer to someone challenging your faith? Do you know someone who has left the faith? **You don't have to have all the answers, just the right questions.** The *Digging Deeper Class* will help you find the answers and learn a simple approach to a non-confrontational method of asking questions to find a logical answer. These questions help you and others to logically find the truth.

There will be 13 sessions, Thursdays from Sept 27, 2018 – Jan 24, 2019 from 5:30 to 7:00 PM. The cost for the class is \$20. Registration and payment are required at St. Philip's Parish Office with Tammy. If you have taken the class before and want to take it again, please contact Diane at the number below for more information. Space is limited. Early registration is encouraged. *The deadline to sign up is Wednesday, Sept 19, 2018.* Call Diane Waggoner at 218-760-6928 with questions.

Life IS THE ISSUE

PRO-LIFE GATHERING Monday, Sept 17 at 7 PM St. Philip's Church

- Come and discover the threats faced by unborn children, their mothers, elderly and disabled persons and other vulnerable people.
- Find out what you can do to save lives and protect those in danger.
- Set aside one hour of your time for this informative, enlightening presentation!

Presented by an expert from MCCL, the state's oldest, largest pro-life organization.

Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life
612.825.6831 | mccl@mccl.org | www.mccl.org

Helping Hands

The Knights of Columbus Council #1544 is offering assistance to St. Philip's parishioners with minor home repairs and household chores. To qualify for this help you must be unable to do the work yourself and have no one to assist you. We have a number of Knights with various skills who are on call to help with these projects. The project must be at your primary residence and you will be required to sign a waiver of release. If there is any cost for materials it will be the responsibility of the party receiving the services to pay for them. Every effort will be made to keep costs down. There will be no labor charge for the service. If the party wishes to donate to the Knights for the service, the donations will go to a charitable cause. For more information or to schedule to have this service, please contact either Pat Welch at 444-5859 or Rick Coe at 751-9695.



LOCAL BAZAARS ETC...

- **Landstad Lutheran Church of Shevlin** will be hosting its annual "self serve" turkey with all the trimmings supper on Friday, Sept 7 from 4:30 to 7:00 PM at the Landstad Church fellowship hall. Free-will offering.
- **9th Annual Hoedown** on Saturday, Sept 8, from 1 PM to midnight, on the Polk County Fairgrounds in Fertile. Join us as we advance a few years in time, from the days of the Wild West to the fun of the Rockin' 50's! Classic Car Show, food, fun, games, bike drawings, silent & live auctions, and entertainment for the whole family. Joe's Diner will be serving a meatball & mashed potato supper from 4-7 PM. Approximately 8:30 PM drawings will be held for a 1938 Chevy 2-door Sedan and also for a 1955 replica Chevy pedal car for the kids. Sock hop from 9 PM to midnight. St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Fertile, MN.
- **St. John's Roast Beef Dinner** on Sunday, Sept 9 from 11 AM to 2 PM. Roast beef with all the trimmings! St. John's Catholic Church, Nebish, MN. Craft and bake sale, quilt raffle, general raffle. Adults: \$10, Children 6-12 \$5, Tykes 5 & under Free.
- **82nd Annual Chicken and Ham Dinner, Raffle, Bazaar, and Silent Auction** at Sacred Heart Church of Wilton. Sunday Sept 16 from 11 AM to 2 PM. Adults 13 & over \$11, Children (6-12) \$5, Pre-School Free.
- **St. Mary's Parish Bazaar** on Sunday, Sept 30 from 11 AM to 1:30 PM. Serving Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings, Country Store, Raffle, Bake Walk, & Fish Pond. Adults \$10, Children under 12 \$5. St. Mary's Catholic Church, 725 6th St. NE, Fosston,

YOUTH MINISTRY

- Help needed! The world is in dire need of good Catholic Christian men and women to live out their faith. To be a mentor/small group facilitator means that you will join the students on their journey to Confirmation and build Christ-centered friendships, share how God has worked in your life, seek the truth through prayer and sacrament, to serve others, and of course to have fun. **Please prayerfully consider joining the middle/high school Faith Formation Mentor Team.** Together let's build God's kingdom here at St. Philip's! Contact Luke for more details. 218-441-4908



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

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The Queenship of Mary, August 22, 2018

My Dear Faithful of the Diocese of Crookston,

The recent revelations regarding allegations of sexual misconduct by Archbishop McCarrick and the publication of the Grand Jury report detailing sexual abuse perpetrated by 300 priests, on 1000 victims, over a 70-year period in six dioceses of Pennsylvania, are deeply disturbing. The horrific acts described and their alleged dismissal and/or cover-up by Church authorities fill us with a sense of disgust, anger, outrage, shame and sadness. It is painful to have to admit, once again, that this evil has been part of the life of the People of God in the United States. This evil is acknowledged; it is condemned.

All victims are owed sincere apologies for what those entrusted with leadership in the Church have done and have failed to do. It is important that we promise to continue, with renewed effort, our commitment to build in the Church, as Pope Francis puts it, “a culture of care that says ‘never again’ to any form of abuse.”

To this end, Cardinal DiNardo, President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, has announced that, with an approval vote of the Conference, we will ask the Holy See to conduct an Apostolic Visitation in which a thorough investigation of these matters, utilizing qualified laypersons, can be undertaken. Changes are necessary so that sins and failures of the past are not repeated.

My friends, as we look to the need for juridical and organizational change, we recognize that fighting evil calls for engagement by all. In his recent Letter to the Church, Pope Francis addresses this moment in our life by saying, “The only way we can respond to the evil that has darkened so many lives is to experience it as a task regarding all of us, the People of God.” And so, our Holy Father calls each of us, “the entire holy, faithful People of God, to the penitential exercises of prayer and fasting.”

I invite you to join me in prayer and fasting as we fight the evil of sexual abuse and all its ramifications at this moment in our Church's life. I ask you to: 1) Offer a prayer daily for all victims of sexual abuse and their families; ask God to be with them and watch over them. 2) Sacrifice by fasting and abstaining from eating meat on Fridays as a prayer to Almighty God for forgiveness of sins and as a prayer for the guidance of the Holy Spirit that all might do better. 3) I ask all of our priests to pray a Votive Mass for the Church at a weekday Mass at least once a month and invite all parishioners to attend.

The Church, as the Bride of Christ, is holy. Our holiness is both a gift and a challenge. In this moment, as we work and pray to fight evil and grow in holiness, these words of St. Paul encourage us: “This treasure we possess in earthen vessels to make it clear that its surpassing power comes from God, not from us. We are afflicted in every way possible, but we are not crushed; full of doubts, we never despair...” (2 Cor. 4:7-8) May Mary our Queen intercede for us.

Sincerely, in the name of the Lord Jesus,

Most Rev. Michael J. Hoepfner
Bishop of Crookston

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Week of September 1/2

	Sept 1, 5:30 PM Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sept 2, 7:30 AM Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sept 2, 9:00 AM Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sept 2, 11:00 AM Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
SACRISTAN	Connie Aagard	Sarah Martinka	Tracie Walter	Jennifer Noble
LECTOR	Jake Atencio Peggy Neumann	Sue Bruns Phil Hodapp	Kevin Erpelding Cory Gish	Melanie Richards Patty Nagle
INTERCESSOR	Connie Aagard	Deacon Kermit Erickson	Deacon Kermit Erickson	Deacon Robb Naylor
ALTAR SERVER	Lucy Solheim Ellie Solheim Adair Wizner	Ephram Boucher Matthew Arel Abby Arel	Aria Gish Macey Gish Sam Gish	Westin Gourneau Matthew Winkle Benji Schoneck
CAPTAIN	Deborah Millard	Brad Arel	Stephanie Downey	Susie Balstad
EMHC	Connie Aagard Heidi Hiscock Lisa Freise Lynn Baird HELP NEEDED Marsha Stebe HELP NEEDED	Deacon Kermit Erickson April Boucher Mike Wavrin Sarah Martinka Barry Karpinski Jennifer Leisenheimer HELP NEEDED	Deacon Kermit Erickson Matt Boell Theresa Steele Stephen Steele Rachelle Hayes Ashlyn Daly Kevin Erpelding Lorie Erpelding Tracie Walter	Deacon Robb Naylor Kimberley Gourneau Jennifer Noble Jamie Hoffman Jane Wilcox HELP NEEDED Patty Nagle HELP NEEDED HELP NEEDED
USHER	Dave Hiscock Dick Lehmann Glenn Aagard HELP NEEDED	James Wiltse Gary Bruns D.J. Bakken HELP NEEDED	Charlie Maus David Maus Bob Schlichting Zach Froelich	Bob Pohl Don Pohl Frank Homer HELP NEEDED
HOSPITALITY/ FELLOWSHIP		Angela Ness Colleen Wiltse	Mary Bjerke Bob Aitken Alice LaCoursiere Susan Burlingame	Jan Busch Annette Jones Nancy Lauderbaugh Rita Lauderbaugh
GREETER	John Freise Lisa Freise	Rosemary Petersen Fran Petersen	Darlene Stepaniak Marian Evans	Nancy Lauderbaugh Jan Busch
INFORMATION STATION		HELP NEEDED	Mary Luethmers	Karen Merschman

Would you like to become involved in liturgical ministries at St. Philip's?
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