

To Accomplish God's Work

# ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH

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## St. Philip's Church

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### Parish Staff

<b>Pastor:</b>	Fr. Chuck Huck	441-4901
<b>Parochial Vicar:</b>	Fr. Bryan Kujawa	441-4902
<b>Deacon/Bookkeeper:</b>	Deacon Kermit Erickson	441-4903
<b>Deacon/Parish Administrator:</b>	Deacon Robb Naylor	441-4904
<b>Director of Stewardship &amp; Development:</b>	Maryhelen Chadwick	441-4906
<b>Director of Music &amp; Liturgy:</b>	Aana Freihammer	441-4905
<b>Director of Preschool &amp; Elementary Faith Formation/Safe Environ. Coordinator:</b>	Kris Jensen	441-4944
<b>Director of Youth Ministry/Middle &amp; High School Faith Formation:</b>	Luke Alexander	441-4908
<b>Director of Campus Ministry &amp; Adult Formation:</b>	Nancy Goodman	441-4907
<b>Parish Office Coordinator:</b>	Tammy Johnson	441-4900
<b>Facility Maintenance Supervisor:</b>	Larry Mack	
<b>Maintenance Support Staff:</b>	Greg Allen Brad Arel Jim Shaw	

### St. Philip's School Staff

218-444-4938

<b>Principal:</b>	Jana Norgaard	ext. 4941
<b>School Office Staff:</b>	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

## What does the liturgy offer me?

January 27, 2019

A few years ago, during Christmas time, I began a new job working for a multi-lingual parish as Director of Liturgy and Music. Christmas Mass started normally, but unbeknownst to me one of the musicians had a new idea to inspire the congregation. As Father began to read the Gospel for the birth of Christ, through the speakers we heard "Baa...., Moo...., Ee- Haw!" This woman had connected a CD of farm animal noises through the sound system to play during the reading of the Christ's birth. This well-intentioned parishioner wanted everyone to *really* experience Christ's birth at Christmas and decided to add 'sounds of the stable' to enhance the experience. To this day I can't stop laughing at how absurd the donkey and cow sounded throughout the Church as Father attempted to finish the Gospel without laughing.

Of course, this parishioner's desire to engage the congregation in the earthly experience of Christ's birth was not a bad one. Experiencing the life of Christ in his earthly reality is an important type of prayer made popular by St. Ignatius called *The Spiritual Exercises*. However, adding a more theatrical experience to the liturgy was where the whole situation went awry. Like that overzealous parishioner, we can sometimes fall into the trap that liturgy is missing something. Jesus didn't wear vestments; there wasn't a piano or organ at the Last Supper, therefore we feel the ritual is too far removed from Christ's life, maybe too contrived. In the Catholic imagination, we don't dwell in the temporal world, rather we use signs, symbols, and rituals to emphasize a reality beyond our current experience. This unique gift of our faith provides a transcendent experience, rather than an historical reenactment, which connects us not only to the past event, but to every generation who prayed the ritual before us, and those who follows us. However, to perceive this deeper heavenly reality, we each need to actively participate in the Mass. When we engage with full heart, mind, and body we are taken into heaven while using the earthly signs and symbols of the ritual.

This need for 'active participation' distinguishes Mass from entertainment. Entertainment is where we receive the experience--like going to the movies or watching a TV show. Entertainment gives us something and we receive, it is a one-way relationship. Liturgy invites us to participate in the ritual; we receive God's grace, and then give back our hearts. Liturgy is a synergistic.

In my experiences as a Director of Liturgy and Music, it is common for people to want make changes to the liturgy. Often these ideas come from a sincere desire to fix something that they feel is missing or attract those who have left the Church. However, these desires to 'change the liturgy' convey people's desire to change the essential aspects of liturgy. We can't change liturgy's essential function: a ritual that celebrates the Paschal Mystery where Christ becomes present in the sacrifice at the altar. This is a difficult reality to appreciate when you are annoyed by the music, the preaching, the kids screaming, or the smelly person next to you. However, we need to see beyond the physical to the invisible mystery occurring before us, looking beyond all signs, symbols, and gestures: "At the Last Supper, on the night he was betrayed, our Savior instituted the Eucharistic sacrifice of his Body and Blood." CCC 1323. Therefore, instead of asking "what can the liturgy offer me?" consider "What do I *offer* in the liturgy?" This could be a life changing transformation in your relationship to Mass on Sunday. Instead of hoping for different music, your favorite singer, or a different homilist, you are going to lean in to the ancient rituals of our ancestors and through this, experience the Paschal Mystery, Christ's Death and resurrection. You will encounter a deeper experience of Christ and his Church.

*From the desk of Aana Freihammer*

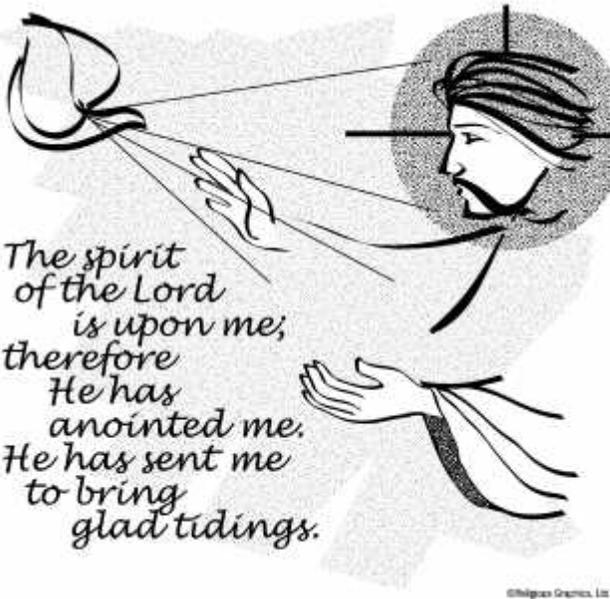
### Your Parish Representatives:

**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:** Kevin Erpelding, Maggie McCalip



## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 27, 2019

Look toward the Lord  
and be radiant!

### THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

#### Monday, Jan 28

**10:00 AM to 9:00 PM** Adoration (Chapel)  
**3:00 PM** Little Flowers (Social Hall)  
**5:45 PM** Bible Study (Social Hall)  
**7:00 PM** AA Mtg (St. Gregory the Great Rm)  
**7:00 PM** Nightlights (St. Kateri Rm)

#### Tuesday, Jan 29

**6:00 AM to 9:00 PM** Adoration (Chapel)  
**6:00 PM** Newman Club (Social Hall)  
**7:00 PM** Men's Basketball (Gym)  
**7:30 PM** Marian Devotions (Chapel)

#### Wednesday, Jan 30

**9:40 AM** Rosary (Chapel)  
**3:15 PM** Children's Choir (Church)  
**4:00 PM** Teen Choir #1 (Church)  
**5:45 PM** Teen Choir #2 (Church)  
**6:30 PM** Faith Formation, grades 1-11

#### Thursday, Jan 31

**5:00 PM** LifeTeen Band practice (Church)  
**6:30 PM** School Information Night (Social Hall)

#### Friday, Feb 1

**10:00 AM** Bible Study (St. Kateri Rm)

#### Saturday, Feb 2

**4:30 PM** Reconciliation (Chapel)

#### Sunday, Feb 3

**8:35 AM** Rosary (Chapel)  
**9:00 AM** Children's Liturgy of the Word (St. Kateri Rm)  
**9:00 AM** Preschool Sunday School (Kdg Classroom)  
**10:15 AM** Rosary (Chapel)  
**6:00 PM** Newman Club (St. Kateri Rm)

### MASS INTENTIONS

For Week of January 28 to February 3

#### Monday, Jan 28

**8:30 AM Mass:** +Gerry Rasmus

#### Tuesday, Jan 29

**6:30 PM Mass:** +Bill Fulton

#### Wednesday, Jan 30

**8:40 AM Mass:** +Verna Jackson

#### Thursday, Jan 31

**7:00 AM Mass:** +Kilmer Christopherson

#### Friday, Feb 1

**8:30 AM Mass:** +Kyle Sagedahl

#### Saturday, Feb 2

**5:30 PM Mass:** Special Intentions for Fr. Don

#### Sunday, Feb 3

**7:30 AM Mass:** +Ellen Vonasek  
**9:00 AM Mass:** For the People  
**11:00 AM Mass:** +Paul Mutnansky  
**6:30 PM Mass:** Special Intentions for Dcn. Michael Arey

### DAILY READINGS

For January 28 to February 3

#### Monday, Jan 28

Heb 9:15,24-28  
 Ps 98:1,2-3ab,3cd-4,5-6  
 Mk 3:22-30

#### Tuesday, Jan 29

Heb 10:1-10  
 Ps 40:2,4ab,7-8a,10,11  
 Mk 3:31-35

#### Wednesday, Jan 30

Heb 10:11-18  
 Ps 110:1,2,3,4  
 Mk 4:1-20

#### Thursday, Jan 31

Heb 10:19-25  
 Ps 24:1-2,3-4ab,5-6  
 Mk 4:21-25

#### Friday, Feb 1

Heb 10:32-39  
 Ps 37:3-6,23-24,39-40  
 Mk 4:26-34

#### Saturday, Feb 2

Mal 3:1-4  
 Ps 24:7-10  
 Heb 2:14-18  
 Lk 2:22-40

#### Sunday, Feb 3

Jer 1:4-5,17-19  
 Ps 71:1-6,15,17  
 1 Cor 12:31-13:13  
 Lk 4:21-30

### 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 February 10. Please call the Parish Office, 444-4262 to register, or for more information.

St. Philip's extends condolences to the families of **Chuck Stombaugh, Darrell Little, and Gene Miller**, father of Anita Froelich. May they find rest and peace and may their families find comfort in God's love.



We are the BODY of CHRIST

## PARISH LIFE

### Interested in becoming an Altar Server?

Attention all 3<sup>rd</sup> graders! Would you like to help in an important ministry at St. Philip's by becoming an altar server for specific Masses? We have many altar servers at 9 and 11 AM Mass, but we need more servers at 5:30 PM, 7:30 AM, and 6:30 PM. So if you can serve at these Masses, you can get trained in third grade and you can get started serving right away! Please contact Aana Freihammer (441-4905/ [afreihammer@stphilipsbemidji.org](mailto:afreihammer@stphilipsbemidji.org)) if you are interested!

### Catholics at the Capitol 2019

Join Minnesota's bishops and thousands of Catholics from across Minnesota on Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> for a day of prayer, inspiration, education, and advocacy at the St. Paul RiverCentre and State Capitol. You'll hear from incredible witnesses to the faith including actor Jim Caviezel, Archbishop Charles Chaput, music missionary Danielle Rose, and emcee Gloria Purvis of EWTN and Black Catholics United for Life. **Space is limited so get your tickets today at [www.CatholicsAtTheCapitol.org](http://www.CatholicsAtTheCapitol.org)!**

### Cursillo Opportunities

**Are you looking for a deeper relationship with Jesus? Is the busyness of life suffocating you?** Step away from life for a weekend and spend it in the peaceful presence of Jesus and other like-minded Catholics. A Cursillo weekend has the power to redefine your life. Pray about attending a weekend, it is an investment of time that is well spent. There are two Cursillo weekends coming up this spring. Both of them will be held at Sand Hill Bible Camp in Fosston. *The Men's weekend is February 21-24, 2019. The Women's weekend is March 21-24.*

### Food Shelf Needs

The Bemidji Community Food Shelf is running low on some items and would happily accept your donations. Needed are baking items as sugar, flour, cake mixes, salt, baking powder and soda, etc. We are also in need of pancake mix, baby formula, diapers and baby food. Drop off your donations at the Food Shelf, 1260 Exchange Ave SE. Open Monday (10 AM to 5 PM), Wednesday, or Friday from 10 AM to 3 PM. Thank you!



### Attend Real Presence Radio Banquet Feb. 18

Real Presence Radio will host Johnnette Benkovic-Williams as keynote speaker at their annual fundraising banquet on Monday, Feb 18<sup>th</sup> in Fargo. We invite you to join us!



Johnnette is host of EWTN's "Women of Grace" and founder and president of the organization by the same name. After years as a non-practicing Catholic, Johnnette experienced a deep conversion back to her Catholic faith. Through this conversion, she found a vocation to share the Gospel message through media. Johnnette has thirty years of experience in Catholic media, including radio, television, public speaking and writing. For more information about the event, or to become a sponsor, or register to attend as a guest, please call (877) 795-0122 or email [jessica@yourcatholicradiostation.com](mailto:jessica@yourcatholicradiostation.com)!

## 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 #30 \$29,220.58**  
(Weekend of 1/20/19)

### Fiscal Year to Date:

Last: \$629,478.03 ~ Current: \$636,690.70

## STEWARDSHIP ~ A HABIT OF THE HEART

### Last Week's Mass Attendance

Jan 19	5:30 p.m.	199
Jan 20	7:30 a.m.	125
Jan 20	9:00 a.m.	314
Jan 20	11:00 a.m.	311
Jan 20	6:30 p.m.	86

### Come and Experience an Ultreya

St. Philips in Bemidji will be hosting an Ultreya on February 9 at 2:30. An Ultreya is a gathering of Cursillistas, or those considering making a Cursillo weekend, who come together to share friendship and faith.

It is a great opportunity to be spiritually fed. A time to get away from busyness and schedules and just enjoy the company of Jesus and friends. Please bring a potluck item to share.

### Do you want an appointment with God?

We lead stressful lives. We worry about our kids, grandkids, politics, and changing culture. Have you ever wished you could sit down with 'The Big Guy Upstairs' and tell him how you feel? This is your chance! St. Philip's adoration chapel is open Mondays and Tuesdays, and adorers set aside one hour to pray and talk to God. We have many hours where we need another person, and this is your opportunity to have an appointment with God.

All are welcome even if you practice a different faith. If you can't make the whole hour, consider sharing with a buddy, coordinating every other week. Come get away from your work, emails, Facebook, news headlines, and sit with the Lord. "Come all you who are weary, and are burdened, and I will give you rest."

Openings available on Monday from 12 PM to 7:30 PM, and Tuesdays from 7 AM to 8:30 PM. Interested or have questions? Call the Parish Office 444-4262

### MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Give the Valentine gift that keeps giving for generations to come! Plan to attend the February 16-17 Marriage Encounter to discover a new and deeper love for each other. Weekends are held at Mt. Olivet Conference and Retreat Center in Farmington. Visit [www.marriages.org](http://www.marriages.org) for additional information or call 651.454.3238.

## ST. PHILIP'S SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

Do you know someone interested in sending their children to St. Philip's School next year? A St. Philip School information night will be held this Thursday, January 31<sup>st</sup> from 6:30-8:30 PM. See the ad in this bulletin for more information.

We are in the midst of a great fund-raiser for St. Philip's School! Catholic United Financial is sponsoring a Catholic School's Raffle. Tickets are only \$5 each and all proceeds stay right here at the school! Top prize is a 2019 Chevy Trax vehicle or \$20,000 cash. Purchase tickets after all Masses on weekends or from a St. Philip's student.

### Schedule of Events:

**Jan. 27-Feb. 1:** Catholic Schools Week

**Jan. 27:** Catholic School's Week All-School Mass & Ice Cream Social. 11 AM. Everyone is Welcome!

**Jan. 30:** All School Mass with Bishop Hoepfner.

**Jan. 31:** St. Philip's School Information Night

**Feb. 15 & 18:** No School (Teacher In-service/President's Day)

**Feb. 19:** 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, 8<sup>th</sup> graders, BHS registration.

### BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

St. Philip's School continues to collect Box Tops for Education. For every 50 Box Tops turned in, our school gets \$5! Just imagine the impact that could make if every one of our parishioners saved Box Tops for St. Philip's! Simply drop them in the tub on the shelf in the east entrance of the church. Thank you!



### LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

Low gluten hosts are available at every Mass, daily or Sunday. In order to receive: enter the communion line that is receiving from the presider. Indicate to the presider you wish a low gluten host. He will present the Body of Christ from a special pyx.

### FIRST EUCHARIST PARENT SESSION

**Tuesday, February 12, 5:15 PM OR  
Thursday, February 21, 6:30 PM**



Two opportunities to attend the First Eucharist Parent Session will be offered: February 12 at 5:15 PM and February 21 at 6:30 PM in the Social Hall. Parents/Guardians only need to attend one session. These two sessions will be the only sessions offered this year, so mark your calendars now! The session is for parents/guardians who will be preparing their child to receive the Sacrament of First Eucharist this year. This is a Parent Only Session; one parent must attend (both are welcome). Children preparing to receive the Sacrament should be in second grade or older and attending Faith Formation or St. Philip's School. An overview of the Sacrament, the preparation program and the time line will be discussed. **Parents/Guardians are responsible for the preparation of their child to receive the Sacrament.**

Packets will be handed out and there will be an opportunity for questions and discussion. Please contact Kris Jensen (441-4944) for additional information.



"All of us must put our energy and effort into ending the legal protection for abortion. It is, and must be, the primary political objective of American Catholics—it is difficult to imagine any political issue with the same significance as the sanctioned killing of children."

*Denver Archbishop Samuel J. Aquila – January 22, 2013*

### Nightlights to Meet

*Nightlights*, a nondenominational support group for anyone who has a loved one with mental illness will hold its monthly meeting Monday, January 28, 2019 at 7 PM in the St. Kateri room. Questions, please call 444-4262.

*St. Philip's Mission Statement:*

*To Accomplish God's Work*

### Are You Considering St. Philip's School for Your Child(ren) Next Year?

Join us at St. Philip's on Wednesday, January 30, while your children are attending Faith Formation. At 6:30 PM Principal Jana Norgaard will provide an overview of the PK through 8<sup>th</sup> grade programs offered at St. Philip's School. In addition, you will have the opportunity to tour the school, meet a few members of the faculty, and obtain registration materials.

If you are unable to attend Wednesday, come by Thursday, January 31 at 6:30 PM or please stop by the school office after January 31 to obtain registration materials. Contact the school office at 444-4938 or [sglen@stphilipsbemidji.org](mailto:sglen@stphilipsbemidji.org) for more information. This meeting is for families with children not currently attending St. Philip's School.

### Servants of Shelter Update

Servants of Shelter (SOS) was delayed in opening its doors this year – but it is NOW open and operating. This temporary homeless shelter uses church facilities, and rotates to a different church each Sunday of the shelter season. SOS will operate the months of January, February and March, and St. Philip's will serve as the Hosting Church from February 10 to 17. We will use Mt. Zion Church in Nymore for this week. (since St. Philips School will be in session that week, our facility is not available) The shelter is open from 4:00 each afternoon through 8:00 AM. Guests are provided with dinner, breakfast, and a sack lunch each day.

The guests that use Servants of Shelter are required to get a voucher through one of the following agencies: Churches United, Bi-CAP, Village of Hope and the Law Enforcement Center. By requiring the vouchers, the program is assured that the guests have been screened and background checks have been done. SOS requires this in order to provide a safe environment for the people using the shelter as well as for our volunteers.

This effort takes a large number of volunteers. People interested in volunteering to work one or more four (4) hour shifts or to provide food may contact Kay at 218-556-3031 or Paula at 218-368-1081.

## MANY THANKS...

Dear Parishioners of St. Philip's,

*This year I received Christmas cards from many of you, and I want to let you know how grateful I am for your Christmas wishes, your prayers, and your works of encouragement. Knowing of your support was especially helpful during finals this year. With the numerous tests, papers and events going on, it was nice to find extra motivation in your letters.*

*Seminary has been going very well so far this school year. I have had a wonderful and grace-filled first semester, and am looking forward to what Christ has for me in the next. Please continue to pray that my fellow seminarians and I may serve the Lord with even greater love and zeal, and know of my prayers for you to do the same. Thank you again, and have a wonderful, Christ-centered New Year.*

Peace,  
Mark Miller

Dear St. Philip's Parishioners,

*We, at Support Within Reach, want to thank you for the generous donations and gifts we received in 2018. The contributions help us to provide important services in the public interest and reduce the harm of sexual violence in our community.*

With sincere thanks,  
The staff of Support Within Reach

Dear families at St. Philip's,

*On behalf of the staff, advocates, and Board of Directors, THANK YOU for your abundant giving and going above and way beyond by the generous items received during this Christmas season! We are so, so blessed by each and every one of the items received!! You directly impact and make a difference in the lives of our clients. Prayers of blessing to all of you!*

Sissie & Team,  
Northwoods Pregnancy Care Center

Dear St. Philip's,

*Thank you very much for your generous contributions this Christmas. We greatly appreciate your support!*

Northwoods Battered Women's Shelter

To St. Philip's Parish,

*With hearts of gratitude for each of you, 2018 at Northwoods Pregnancy Care Center was an amazing year for our clients and the ministry of the Center. We were able to see so much accomplished!*

*Your support for Northwoods Pregnancy Care Center is greatly appreciated! In 2018, St. Philip's donated \$5,465.65 between the Baby Bottle Campaign and a cash donation from the Christian Service Fund. When I think of God's hand on this work, I'm reminded of how the blessings bestowed on the Center begin with each of you. You are a tremendous part of all that takes place here.*

Blessings,  
Sissie Pennel, Executive Director  
Northwoods Pregnancy Care Center

St. Philip's Mission Statement:

To Accomplish God's Work

## A Pilgrimage to France...

is scheduled for October 10 thru October 20, 2019. We leave from Fargo, continue through Chicago and arrive in Paris. We have scheduled stops in Paris, Lisieux, Orleans, Toulouse and end our trip in Lourdes. Imagine the saints we will meet in between the art, culture and beauty of France: St Therese of Lisieux, St Joan of Arc, St Margret Mary Alacoque. Tours, sightseeing, and leisure time are built into the trip... We will have time to sample local cuisine at leisure. Two meals are provided each day. The trip includes the opportunity for daily Mass. Fr. Chuck Huck will serve as the Spiritual Director for the Pilgrimage. Our travel partner is Worldstrides. For details and cost information regarding the trip visit the website and enter the provided Tour ID. [www.worldstrides.org/register](http://www.worldstrides.org/register) Trip ID: **166594** OR you can contact Fr. Chuck at 218-441-4901 or [chuck@stphilipsbemidji.org](mailto:chuck@stphilipsbemidji.org)

## First Saturday Rosary

All are invited to join praying the Rosary at Neilson Place (Chapel) on Saturday, February 2 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.

## Spiritual Direction Available at St. Philip's

Spiritual direction is a ministry of prayerful, contemplative listening offered to another within a confidential one-on-one or a small group setting.

This ministry is especially helpful for people who are seeking the following:

- To know and understand God's call—growing in discernment.
- To recognize God at the center of all things.
- A deeper prayer life, one that yields real intimacy in relationship with Jesus Christ.

Our Spiritual Director, Tamara Moore, is a Catholic laywoman in good standing with the Church. She is married with four children, has earned a Master's degree in Theology (2005), a Graduate Certificate in Spiritual Direction (2015), and has been offering spiritual direction for seven years.

Spiritual direction with Tamara is different from other helping ministries such as counseling, life-coaching/mentoring, or teaching. In spiritual direction the sole purpose is to grow in relationship with God while the Holy Spirit guides us in God's wisdom. The person coming to spiritual direction, the directee, shares about her/his life experiences and in doing so reflects upon God's presence through it all. Together we discern how the Holy Spirit is calling the directee to respond to God's grace and abundant love.

All spiritual direction is confidential and respectful of safe and sacred boundaries. Individual spiritual direction sessions are paced about one month apart for an hour at a time and take place at St. Philip's Catholic Church. For group spiritual direction, individuals rotate through direction each month while the group listens silently and prays for the person receiving direction. The directee or group coordinator will schedule an appointment and pay a \$50 fee in return for the time offered by the director.

Contact Tamara at [spiritualdirection@stphilipsbemidji.org](mailto:spiritualdirection@stphilipsbemidji.org) or call the Parish Office at 218-444-4262.

### *Carry Me*

Many people have probably read the poem "Footprints in the Sand." It speaks about our life walk with the Lord. As the "dreamer" walks with God, he or she knows that because there are two sets of footprints, there is an assurance that they were not alone. Then during a time of adversity — a very low point in life — there is now only one set of footprints in the sand. The dreamer's first thought is that they are alone; God has abandoned them. He or she cries out to the Lord asking, "why have You left me alone? Why, when I need You the most would You leave me?" The Lord responds by telling them that He would never leave them; that when there was only one set of prints in the sand He was carrying the dreamer. The poem ends there but I think there is more to that revelation from the Lord.

God is a faithful god who is trustworthy and merciful; journeying with us every moment we are on this planet. Although we often leave or even abandon him, He remains present in our lives. I was pondering how He carries us during our lifetime and it comforts me to know that He is there. Then it struck me that I need to carry Him. God does not need me to carry Him for His sake, but He does need me to carry Him to others!

I need to be a God-bearer in the world — that is my call — our call. There are many individuals in the world who feel alone and abandoned by God. They have lost hope and begin to despair. Then the good Lord looks for someone with an open heart — someone He can use to make a difference (large or small). God is really good at carrying others to us; the rub is that we step out of ourselves and act on His promptings. And the more we do, the more He opens us up to carrying His light and love to those who need it. He also equips us and as he does, our confidence in him grows and we begin to build a trust and understanding that we are a vessel used to carry out His plans. What an awesome awareness that God in entrusting others into our care. What greater purpose can there be than to be the hands and hearts of God in the world?

~Jeanne Jaeger

### **Blessed Sacrament Prayer Group**

Are you looking for an additional way to pray? The Blessed Sacrament Prayer Group meets the first and third Thursday evenings of each month (7-8 PM) and welcomes all. The Blessed Sacrament prayer group participates in intercessory and spontaneous prayer. Dan and Mary Walter have been leading this ministry and would love to talk with anyone who would like to learn more about this kind of prayer. Call Dan or Mary Walter for questions at 218-444-3490.

### **A Pilgrimage to Italy**

is scheduled for June 5th thru June 14, 2019. We leave from Fargo, continue through Chicago and arrive in Rome. We have scheduled stops in Siena, Florence, and Assisi. We will spend 5 nights in Rome looking at sites of the Roman empire Coliseum, Pantheon, Trevi Fountain and an in-depth look at the Holy Sites of the Catholic Church, St Peter's, Vatican Museum, Catacombs and Sistine Chapel. Tours, sightseeing, and leisure time are built into the trip... We will have time to sample local cuisine at leisure. Two meals are provided each day. The trip includes the opportunity for daily mass and a Papal audience at St Peters. Fr. Chuck Huck will serve as the Spiritual Director for the Pilgrimage. Our travel partner is *Worldstrides*. For details and cost information regarding the trip visit the website and enter the provided Tour ID. [www.worldstrides.org/register](http://www.worldstrides.org/register), Trip ID: **167852** OR you can contact Fr. Chuck at 218-441-4901.

### **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.



### **Discovering God in a Holocaust**

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# MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Week of February 2/3

	5:30 PM Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	7:30 AM Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00 AM Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	11:00 AM Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
<b>SACRISTAN</b>	Deborah Millard	Jennifer Leisenheimer	Joe Bofferding	Mary Herried
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