



St. Philip's
Ministry Directory
October, 2015

St. Philip's Church
702 Beltrami Ave. NW
Parish Phone: 218-444-4262
School Phone: 218-444-4938
www.stphilipsbemidji.org

Weekend Mass Times:

Saturday: 5:30 PM
Sunday: 7:30 AM
9:00 AM
11:00 AM

Daily Mass Times:

Monday: 8:30 AM
Tuesday: 12:10 PM
Wednesday: 8:40 AM (school year)
8:30 AM (summer)
Thursday: 7:00 AM
Friday: 8:30 AM
Saturday: 8:30 AM

Reconciliation/Confession Times:

Saturday: 4:30 PM
Sunday: Between Masses

PARISH STAFF	PHONE	EMAIL
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It's been a while since we've had a St. Philip's Ministry Directory. Although we strive for 100% accuracy, sometimes we miss our mark. We believe this information is accurate as of October 2015. If you have changes that you would like to be made to our next printing of the Ministry Directory, please contact Maggie McCalip, Development/Stewardship Director.
mmccalip@stphilipsbemidji.org ph: 218-441-4906

COMMITTEES

Catholic United Financial Grant Committee: The goal of the committee is to plan, implement and review Catholic United Financial grant opportunities. This committee is a new committee which will meet quarterly. Ideally, the group will consist of representatives from Faith Formation, School and the Parish at Large. Committee leader: Maggie McCalip, Development/Stewardship Director.
mmccalip@stphilipsbemidji.org ph: 218-441-4906

Development/Stewardship Committee: Committee members will take an active role in one of the following areas: Annual Fund Drive, Annual Stewardship Program, Memorials and Honorariums, Endowments, Planned Giving, and Public Relations. Committee will meet 6 times per year. Committee leader: Maggie McCalip, Development/Stewardship Director.
mmccalip@stphilipsbemidji.org ph: 218-441-4906

Evangelization Committee: The goal of the Evangelization Committee is to bring people to the Catholic Faith through a variety of measures. Committee meets monthly. For more information, contact Judith Selby, Volunteer Extraordinaire.
jselby@paulbunyan.net ph: 218-987-2344

Finance Council: The goal of the council is to monitor and budget the Parish finances and ensure they are in alignment with the best interest of St. Philip's. Members are appointed by the Pastor and serve a three-year term. For more information, contact Fr. Chuck Huck, Pastor.
chuck@stphilipsbemidji.org ph: 218-441-4901

Liturgy Committee: The Liturgy Committee meets monthly with the goal of bringing people closer to Christ through meaningful Masses. Committee leader: Aana Freihammer, Music and Liturgy Director.
afreihammer@stphilipsbemidji.org ph: 218-441-4905

Parent Association: The Parent Association exists to help St. Philip's teachers and staff continue with its tradition of excellence. Each year the Parent Association determines how to best meet that goal. For more information, contact: Carol Rettinger, Principal.
crettinger@stphilipsbemidji.org ph: 218-444-4938 ext 4941

Pastoral Council: The goal of the council is to advise parish leadership regarding the needs and interests of the parish. Members are appointed by the Pastor and serve a three-year term. For more information, contact Fr. Chuck Huck, Pastor.
chuck@stphilipsbemidji.org ph: 218-441-4901

School Council: The School Council exists to advise the Principal and Superintendent regarding St. Philip's School policies. Typically, the Principal notifies all families when there is an opening for a position on the School Council. For more information, contact: Carol Rettinger, Principal.
crettinger@stphilipsbemidji.org ph: 218-444-4938 ext 4941

Social Concerns Committee: The Social Concerns Committee oversees our social justice endeavors. St. Philip's donates funds to local charities to provide resources to those in need. The Social Concerns Committee coordinates with these charities to assure our donations and volunteer hours are providing the most good. For more information, contact: Fr. Don Braukmann, Parochial Vicar.
dbraukmann@stphilipsbemidji.org ph: 218-441-4902

Welcoming Committee: We are looking to expand the Welcoming Committee in a big way. Our desire is to greet, welcome, educate and inspire the newest members joining our parish family to share their gifts, talents and fellowship. As we are defining this program, we will meet monthly. For more information, contact Karen Merschman, Volunteer Extraordinaire.
karenmerschman@wwdb.org ph: 218-751-4209 or
Maggie McCalip, Development/Stewardship Director
mmccalip@stphilipsbemidji.org ph: 218-441-4906

Servants of Shelter: Servants of Shelter provides up to 20 people shelter at local churches. The shelter location moves week by week to different area churches. Servants of Shelter vouchers are distributed through Churches United and the Law Enforcement Center. For volunteer information, please contact Kay Mack, Volunteer Extraordinaire. ph: 218-751-7883

St. Gianna's Group: St. Gianna's Group is dedicated to promoting the teachings of the Catholic Church in the area of Life. They educate and involve members of the parish in the Church's work to defend the right to life and the dignity of each person.

St. Vincent de Paul: Volunteers for St. Vincent de Paul are men and women who strive to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to individuals in need. The goal of the person-to-person service is to help people rise above the situations and conditions that bind them to poverty. For more information, contact Robb Naylor, Parish Administrator.
rnaylor@stphilipsbemidji.org ph: 218-441-4904

Tubs of Christmas Love: Tubs of Christmas Love provide a Christmas celebration of food and gifts with local low-income families or those experiencing hardship. Bi-Cap, CEP, Headstart, Hope House, and St. Mary's Mission have assisted us with names in previous years. For more information, contact Sonja Youso, Volunteer Extraordinaire.
youso@paulbunyan.net ph: 218-333-3546

Additional Volunteer Opportunities: If there are areas where you would like to volunteer that were not listed in this directory, please contact the Parish Office.
rector@stphilipsbemidji.org ph: 218-444-4262

solution to the current concerns. For more information, contact Dan Walter, Volunteer Extraordinaire.

mdmwalter@hotmail.com ph: 218-444-3490

St. Philip's Clothing Depot: The Clothing Depot is open Tuesday thru Saturday from 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM. Volunteers are needed to sort donations. Last year, St. Philip's Clothing Depot donated \$30,000 to local charities. For more information, please contact Norma Himmelright, Manager. ph: 218-444-3835

Bemidji Community Food Shelf: The Bemidji Community Food Shelf is a nonprofit organization sponsored and directed by area churches. The Food Shelf provides food boxes (about 3-5 days of food) limited to 1 food box per calendar month. Volunteers help organize donations, stock shelves and help recipients assemble their food box. The Bemidji Community Food Shelf is open 10:00 AM-3:00 PM Mon., Wed., and Fri. For more information, please contact Jessica Lundin, Volunteer Extraordinaire.

lundinmj@outlook.com ph: 218-444-3953

Meals on Wheels: Meals on Wheels provides meals to the elderly homebound, enabling them to continue living in their own homes. For volunteer information, please contact Flavia Sagedahl, Volunteer Extraordinaire.

flavia@paulbunyan.net ph: 218-333-3728

Northwoods Pregnancy Care Center: NPCC's vision is a culture where life is viewed as sacred and people's lives are transformed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ – a culture where every woman is free to, and supported in, choosing life for herself and her unborn child. NPCC provide women in our area a place to go, to seek confidential help when facing an unplanned pregnancy. For more information, contact Elizabeth Upgren, Volunteer Extraordinaire.

deupgren@paulbunyan.net ph: 218-586-2599

EVENTS

Catholic United Financial Raffle: The Catholic United Financial Raffle kicks off in January of each year. All proceeds are donated to St. Philip's School. Catholic United Financial provides all prizes and support material. Volunteers are needed to sell raffle tickets before and after Masses, to help collate family packets and to sell additional tickets. For more information, contact Sue Lucas, Events Coordinator.

slucas@stphilipsbemidji.org ph: 218-441-4907

Fall Festival: The Fall Festival is a great time for the parish to come together hosting a fun, family event for the entire community. Volunteers are needed for all areas: dinner, kids' carnival, bake sale, country boutique, silent auction, bingo, and raffle. We can use all the help we can get to pull off this parish event. For more information, contact Sue Lucas, Events Coordinator.

slucas@stphilipsbemidji.org ph: 218-441-4907

Farmer's Market: Parishioners with an abundance of produce donate it to the parish and it is offered to other parishioners after Masses for a free-will donation. Volunteers are needed after Masses. For more information, contact Sonia Youso, Volunteer Extraordinaire.

youso@paulbunyan.net ph: 218-333-3546

Lenten Fish Fry: Held each Friday of Lent, our Fish Fry Dinners provide an opportunity for the community to come together and provide funding for St. Philip's Faith Formation and School. For more information, contact the Parish Office.

rector@stphilipsbemidji.org ph: 218-444-4262

Pie Sale: The Pie Sale fundraiser starts in October and ends before Thanksgiving. Volunteers are needed to sell pies, to serve at the Pie Sampling Sunday, and to help during Pie Pick-up times. If you love pie, please contact Maggie McCalip, Development/Stewardship Director.

mmccalip@stphilipsbemidji.org ph: 218-441-4906

Marathon: The Marathon for Non Public Education is an annual fund raiser for the school each fall. We are looking for volunteers with race coordinating experience to advise us in growing this fun event. Volunteers are also needed to find sponsors, to participate in the event, and to raise pledges. For more information, contact Sue Lucas, Events Coordinator.

slucas@stphilipsbemidji.org ph: 218-441-4907

Spring Gala: The Spring Gala is one of the best parties in Bemidji and a great fundraiser for Bemidji. The event usually takes place in late April and includes a silent auction, dinner and dancing. For more information, contact Kevin Erpelding, Volunteer Extraordinaire.

klerp@paulbunyan.net ph: 218-586-2804

Turkey Bingo: Turkey Bingo is a fun, family event and fund raiser. Funds raised are used for High School Youth programs. Volunteers are needed to sell tickets, serve popcorn and pizza, to verify cards and to deliver prizes. For more information, contact Kristen Herdering, Middle School/High School Faith Formation Director.

kherdering@stphilipsbemidji.org ph: 218-441-4908

FAITH FORMATION, ADULT

Bible Study: The goal of the Bible Study Ministry is to encounter God through His Word. Bible Study sessions usually meet weekly and are focused on one book or a theme within scripture. Most sessions run for two or three months. The classes are directed to adults of all ages.

Tuesday 10:00 AM Bible Study – For more information, contact the Parish Office. rector@stphilipsbemidji.org ph: 218-444-4262

Tuesday 6:30 PM Bible Study – For more information, contact Deacon Kermit Erickson. kerickson@stphilipsbemidji.org ph: 218-441-4903

Thursday 2:30 PM Bible Study – For more information, contact Terry or Trish Jones, Volunteer Couple Extraordinaire. tjones@paulbunyan.net ph: 218-333-3999

School Aides, Classroom, Office, or Playground: Help our teachers and staff in their mission of providing a quality Christian and academic education to the students entrusted to our care, preparing them to succeed in our diverse and changing world. Classroom aids work in individual classrooms. Playground aids assist with recess duty for multiple grades. Office aides assist with copying and preparing student packages for special events. Please contact Jean Patnode, School Secretary for more information.

jpatnode@stphilipsbemidji.org ph: 218-444-4938

Website updates: Weekly updates to www.stphilipsbemidji.org based on the information in the Sunday bulletin. For more information, please contact Tammy Johnson, Parish Office Coordinator.

tjohnson@stphilipsbemidji.org ph: 218-444-4262

SOCIAL JUSTICE

St. Philip's parishioners are excellent stewards for the community of Bemidji. Through our work with local agencies, we provide hope even in time of struggle. We work to connect those in need with the resources available.

Advent Giving Tree: Advent is the perfect season to give. Giving tree offers a fun, visual way to support our community. For more information, please contact Deacon Kermit Erickson.

kerickson@stphilipsbemidji.org ph: 218-441-4903

Churches United: Churches United is a collaboration of Bemidji area churches led by the Spirit of Christ, organized to serve and meet the needs of homeless, persistently poor, and impoverished individuals and families by providing individual and family's financial assistance and referrals in an empowering manner, while also seeking the causes of poverty with the goal to reach a

Bulletin Copying: Bulletins are usually copied on Thursdays in the early afternoon. For more information, please contact Tammy Johnson, Parish Office Coordinator.

tjohnson@stphilipsbemidji.org ph: 218-444-4262

Bulletin Folding: Join a group of volunteers each Friday morning in the St. Kateri Room to fold bulletins. Contact Tammy Johnson, Parish Office Coordinator for more information.

tjohnson@stphilipsbemidji.org ph: 218-444-4262

Gardening: If you love plants and nature, perhaps this volunteer opportunity is perfect for you. Help to plant and nurture the beautiful grounds of St. Philip's. Witness the miracle of creation as the grounds begin to bloom. You do not need to be a master gardener to help out. For more information, contact Wanda Baumgartner, Volunteer Extraordinaire.

baumgwa@paulbunyan.net ph: 218-333-8917

Graphic Design/Desktop Publishing: Work with parish staff and volunteers to create brochures, posters, and bulletin inserts promoting parish activities. If interested, please contact Tammy Johnson, Parish Office Coordinator for more information.

tjohnson@stphilipsbemidji.org ph: 218-444-4262

Hot Lunch Volunteers: If you're looking for a fun opportunity to have a little face time with St. Philip's students, consider volunteering to serve lunch. Lunch service is from 11:45-1:10. Volunteers are welcome to stay for a free lunch. St. Philip's may be one of the few places where you can get a free lunch. For more information, contact Denise Kern, School Office, Jill of all Trades.

dkern@stphilipsbemidji.org ph: 218-441-4943

Holy Spirit Newman Center: Provide meals after Mass on Tuesday evening. Please contact Fr. Don Braukmann, Parochial Vicar, for more information.

dbraukmann@stphilipsbemidji.org ph: 218-441-4902

Friday 1:30 PM Bible Study – For more information, contact Jim Gorham, Volunteer Extraordinaire.

Coneflower333@yahoo.com ph: 218-333-0796

TBD Evening Bible Study – If you're interested in participating in a Bible Study at a different day and/or time, please call the Parish Office.

rector@stphilipsbemidji.org ph: 218-444-4262

RCIA & Beyond Sponsor: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process by which non-Catholic adults are invited to explore the Catholic faith and if so called, to join the Church. Catholics have the opportunity to serve as sponsors. This is a great way to brush up on your Catholic Faith. At St. Philip's, RCIA is a year round program with meetings every other Thursday evening. For more information, contact Robb Naylor.

rnaylor@stphilipsbemidji.org ph: 218-441-4904

FAITH FORMATION, CHILD AND YOUTH

The children and youth who are in Faith Formation and Youth Ministry need you to share your faith with them. Our gift of passing on the faith is a blessing to them. You can make a great difference in their lives.

Our volunteers at Faith Formation/Youth Ministry are high school seniors and adult volunteers with a heart for teaching and sharing faith with the children and youth of our parish. Without their time and commitment, we would not have a faith formation/youth ministry program. We are always in need of people to help. Catechists and Small Group leaders don't need to be theologians, you just need to have a desire to help our children and youth learn about our Catholic faith and grow in their relationship with Christ. Please consider helping in any capacity.

Many teaching options are available – team teach with another parent/friend, that way you can take turns teaching lessons and have someone else in the

class; be an assistant catechist – help the catechist in the classroom, you don't have to teach, just be an extra hand in the classroom. All volunteers must complete the Diocese of Crookston's Safe Environment Training. Catechists and Small Group Leaders receive a discount on their Religious Formation class fee.

Contact Kris Jensen, Faith Formation Director kjensen@stphilipsbemidji.org ph: 218-441-4944 or Kristen Herdering, Middle School-High School Faith Formation/Youth Ministry Director kherdering@stphilipsbemidji.org ph: 218-441-4908 for more information about this rewarding ministry.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW): Leaders will be grouped in teams of two and will be assigned a weekend or a month (or less depending upon how many leaders we have) to lead a group of kindergarten and first graders who attend the 9:00 AM Liturgy in making the Sunday Scripture Readings relevant to their lives and experiences. CLOW leaders must be available at the beginning of Mass to lead the students of Mass following the opening prayer and return the children to Mass after the Prayers of the Faithful.

Preschool Sunday School Catechists (teachers) and Substitute Catechists: High School youth and adults can teach Preschool Sunday School. An easy to use catechist manual assists the catechist in preparing and presenting the lesson.

Preschool Sunday School Assistant Catechists: Middle School youth and older can be Assistant Catechists in the Preschool Sunday School Program. You don't have to teach, just be an extra hand to help out with the teacher.

Preschool Sunday School Coordinator(s): Adults are needed to coordinate the Preschool Sunday School Program. Responsibilities include: being on site when Sunday School is held, from 8:30-10:15 AM.; assisting Sunday School Catechists; and other various duties relating to the Preschool Sunday School Program. Commitment preferred for the entire year. This is a paid position.

Elementary Faith Formation Catechists (teachers) and Substitute Catechists: High School seniors and adults can teach Elementary Faith Formation. The only

Prayer and Praise: Join us Thursday evening from 7:00-8:00 PM and celebrate the Lord God Almighty. This prayer group will reignite your faith. For more information, please contact Mark Froehle, Volunteer Extraordinaire. mcmurdo32@gmail.com ph: 218-759-9461

Prayer Blankets: Our prayer blanket ministry involves intercessory prayer and sewing lap-size blankets. These blankets are given to anyone needing the gift of love and prayer. The prayer blanket provides a tangible and comforting sign that the recipient is being lifted up in prayer. For more information on this ministry, please contact Sharon Zarrett, Volunteer Extraordinaire. zarrettsa@gmail.com ph: 218-751-1606

Rosary Leader: There are multiple opportunities to lead the rosary in the Chapel: Sunday before the 9:00 and 11:00 Masses and Wednesday after the school Mass and if you are interested in more information, please contact the Parish Office. rector@stphilipsbemidji.org ph: 218-444-4262

Stations of the Cross: Originally, the Stations of the Cross began as pilgrims to Jerusalem would retrace the journey of Jesus Christ to Calvary. Here at St. Philip's we pray the Stations of the Cross during the Fridays of Lent. Join us after the Fish Fry each Friday of Lent. For more information, please contact the Parish Office. rector@stphilipsbemidji.org ph: 218-444-4262

SERVICE

The opportunities to volunteer by providing your unique talents and services to the St. Philip's community are numerous. If you're willing to step into a fun and productive work environment to help St. Philip's, we would most greatly appreciate it.

PRAYER

Adoration: For 2000 years, Catholics have believed Jesus to be truly present in the most Holy Eucharist, just as He taught His disciples in John 6. We believe that at each celebration of the Mass, bread and wine are truly transformed into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. Therefore, Jesus comes to be present with us not only spiritually, but physically. In the Eucharist, Jesus is just as present with us in the disguise of bread and wine as He was in the disguise of a man 2000 years ago when He walked the earth. Therefore, if Jesus is truly present (body, blood, soul, & divinity) in the most Holy Eucharist, then we can gaze upon Jesus and worship Him in His physical presence. Therefore, we are blessed with the awesome opportunity to worship Jesus through Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, or most Holy Eucharist. In Eucharistic Adoration, the Eucharistic Host (the Body of Jesus) is placed in a gold monstrance to be adored. Adoration is open to anyone. Please maintain a disposition of silence and reverence in the chapel.

Adoration Times

Monday: 9:00 AM-9:00 PM

Tuesday: 6:00 AM-9:00 PM

Thursday: Noon-9:00 PM

Friday: 5:00 PM-9:00 PM

For more information about Eucharistic Adoration, please contact Monica Arel, Volunteer Extraordinaire.

monicaarel@yahoo.com ph: 218-243-3880

Marian Devotions: Join us Tuesday evening in the Chapel from 7:30-9:00 PM for a prayerful evening with Mary and Jesus. For more information, please contact the Parish Office. rector@stphilipsbemidji.org ph: 218-444-4262
cpmaus@paulbunyan.net ph: 218-444-8453

experience needed is a desire to share our faith with the elementary children of our parish. An easy to use catechist manual and great web site help the catechist in preparing and presenting a lesson. The Elementary Program provides a variety of creative experiences aimed at nurturing our Catholic Christian faith, a sense of community and awareness of God's presence in prayer.

Elementary Faith Formation Assistant Catechists: High School seniors and adults – will assist the elementary catechist in the classroom. You don't have to teach (unless you are willing to as needed), just be an extra hand to help out the catechist.

Hall Monitors: Adults are needed in the hallways of the school from 6:10-6:45 PM to assist parents and children in the school. Time commitment can be for the year or a month.

Vacation Bible School: Volunteers are needed for classroom leaders and assistants, crafts, food, music and dancing, and Bible study. Volunteers must be middle school students or older. Vacation Bible School runs one week of the summer Monday thru Friday from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM. At Vacation Bible School children (Pre-K through 4th grade) learn about God's Word through a series of age appropriate and fun activities.

EDGE – Middle School Faith Formation

EDGE Core Team Members: Adults and High School seniors are invited to serve on a team of people who, together as a team, prepare & lead large group activities, prayer serves, large group discussions, etc. Most team members will also be asked to serve as a small group leader, facilitating discussion in a group of 5-6 youth. Leaders need to be living out the basic teachings of the Catholic Church and have a desire to lead middle school youth closer to Christ and His Church.

Middle School Passport Party: Adults and older senior high youth who have what it takes to spend the entire night (or part of) with our middle school youth as we travel around town doing what middle school youth do best...have fun as we go Paintballing, hit the waterslide at Putt-n-Go, Glow-n-Bowl, Dance, BSU Rec Center, and so much more.

Just 5 Days: A 5-day experience of service, hands-on learning, prayer and liturgy and community building designed for groups of middle school youth and their adult leaders from Catholic parishes and schools. Adults with a passion to service and a willingness to help organize, lead and promote this opportunity are needed.

HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION

9th, 10th and 11th Grade Small Group Leaders: Adults are needed to lead groups of 6-8 youth in discussions following a teaching session lead by one of the priests, a guest speaker or small group leader. Adults work in teams of two. Leaders will need to do some reading prior to each class session and help lead a prayer service twice a year. Discussion questions will be provided. 10th grade small group leaders do the majority of the preparation and presentation of the lessons as a team using a DVD as the “teacher”. Leaders should be able to relate to young people and have a desire to help them travel on their faith journey.

Support Staff

Office Assistants: Adults are needed to help in the Elementary Faith Formation Office from 6:00 until 8:00 PM Wednesdays. Commitment should be for the entire year.

Cooks: Adults are needed to help prepare, serve and clean up a light meal for catechists and small group leaders on Wednesday evenings. The time frame varies depending upon what is being served. The meal is served starting at 5:30 until 6:15 PM. Commitment can be for the year or a month. This is a paid position.

information contact Gerri Daigle 218-333-8651, Judy Selby 218-987-2344 or Doris Swedmark ph: 218-556-8610

St. Jude’s Circle: St. Jude’s Circle meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 1:30 PM. This group is open to all interested ladies. Meetings consist of prayer and social time. In addition to monthly meetings, this group makes prayer blankets and coordinates cards that are mailed by the parish. New members are always welcome. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Sharon Zarrett, Volunteer Extraordinaire.

zarrettsa@gmail.com ph: 218-751-1606

OUTREACH

Homebound: Visit parishioners in their home. Pray with them and minister Holy Communion if desired. These friendly visits mean so much to our parishioners who are homebound because of illness, age or disability. For more information, contact Fr. Don Braukmann, Parochial Vicar.

dbraukmann@stphilipsbemidji.org ph: 2188-441-4902

Hospital: Carry the healing comfort of the Gospel to hospitalized parishioners and their families by praying with and for them. Each volunteer is responsible for hospital visits one day each month. New volunteers will partner with an experienced volunteer until they are comfortable on their own. Volunteers will be certified by Sanford. For more information, please contact Sharon Zarrett, Volunteer Extraordinaire. zarrettsa@gmail.com ph: 218-751-1606

Nursing home: Reach out to our parishioners in local nursing homes. Pray and minister Holy Communion to them if desired. You can make a big difference in with just a short visit. For more information, contact Fr. Don Braukmann, Parochial Vicar.

dbraukmann@stphilipsbemidji.org ph: 218-441-4902

ORGANIZATIONS

Knights of Columbus: The Knights of Columbus was chartered in 1882. Father Michael J. McGivney and six members of St. Mary's Church, New Haven, Connecticut, saw the need for an organization to serve the Church and the Parish Community. The basic principles set forth by the Knights of Columbus in that era still prevail today: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism.

The Bemidji Council consists of Catholic Men from two parishes: St. Philip's, Bemidji and Sacred Heart, Wilton. At present time, our council consists of approximately 260 members. Becoming a member of the Knights provides men with many opportunities to make new friends and to volunteer and serve in our Church and in the Bemidji area as a way to give back to our community. New members are always welcome.

Our council meets the 3rd Thursday of each month. We do not meet in July or August. Our meetings usually are preceded by praying of the rosary, Mass, and a great meal. Meetings are held at St. Philip's, with an annual meeting in Wilton. When you join the Knights of Columbus, you become a member of the largest Fraternal Organization in the world. You have the opportunity to serve God by serving others.

For more information about membership or the Knights of Columbus in general, you are encouraged to contact either: Grand Knight, Phil Hodapp (586-3415); or Financial Secretary, Dan Shea.
sheadaniel@ymail.com ph: 218- 760-6616

Little Flowers Girls' Club: Open to girls Kindergarten and up, Little Flowers meet on Tuesdays after school until 5:15. The program consists of learning about female saints, Christian virtues, Bible verses, crafts and Catholic tradition. Little Flowers is in need of additional adult helpers at meetings this year. For more

Chaperones/Drivers: Adults are needed for service projects or special events for Elementary, Middle School and High School Religious Formation. Time commitment is for the event.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Every person is called to contribute to the liturgy in a manner suited to his or her unique talents. It takes the help of many people serving in a variety of different liturgical ministries to help the liturgy flow smoothly and enable the participation of the assembly.

We invite you to prayerfully reflect on the gifts God has given you and consider volunteering your talents for one of our liturgical ministries.

Spiritual formation and hands-on task training is provided to help you get started in all of the listed liturgical ministries.

Liturgical ministers are scheduled at the Mass time of their preference as often as fits their schedule and are asked to arrive 20 minutes before their scheduled Mass begins.

Unless otherwise noted, please contact Aana Freihammer, Director of Music & Liturgy, afreihammer@stphilipsbemidji.org ph.218-441-4905 for more information about any of the following ministries and to find out when training will be held.

Altar Server: The primary role of the altar server is to assist the priest in the celebration of the liturgy during Mass. This involves presenting or arranging vessels and other items used in the celebrations. As members of the assembly who are often visible to all, the altar servers also model good liturgical participation by actively joining in the hymns, prayers and responses of the liturgy, and by sitting, standing, or kneeling at the appropriate times.

Requirements: Must be in 4th—12th grade and regularly attend Mass. Must be a baptized member of the Catholic Church and have already received First Eucharist. Must be willing to participate fully as a member of the liturgical assembly. Must have parental permission to serve.

Training: Training to become an altar server is held once a year in late January. Information about altar server training will be sent home through St. Philip's School and through the Religious Formation classes. These three-hour sessions begin with a pizza party and will include spiritual formation along with hands-on training and practice.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion assist the priests and deacons of the parish in distributing Communion at Mass. There is great joy and satisfaction to participate in this wonderful gift to God's people. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are needed at all weekday, weekend, holy day, funeral and wedding Masses held at the St. Philip's Church

Requirements: Must have a special love and care for the Eucharist and for all those who share in the Body and Blood of the Lord. Must be at least a junior in high school. Must have received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Must be a practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are expected to show the greatest reverence for the Most Holy Eucharist by their demeanor, their attire, and the manner in which they handle the consecrated bread and wine.

Training: Guidelines for the ministry are provided, and an evening of spiritual formation along with practical training are required before a person can be recommended to the Bishop to be commissioned to distribute Communion. Watch the bulletin for when the next training session will be held.

Greeter: Greeters provide a welcoming atmosphere at the St. Philip's Church. The Christian hospitality shown to those who arrive at Mass draws people together and opens them to participation. The greeter's smile and warm reception set the tone for the liturgy by welcoming both friends and newcomers

ART AND ENVIRONMENT TEAM

Description: This team works behind the scenes to transform our worship environment to heighten the awareness of the festive, solemn, or penitential nature of the different liturgical seasons. Their quiet presence is often unnoticed, yet the results of their labors are visible to all the parish community. A variety of helpers are needed to prepare a prayerful atmosphere in the worship space throughout the liturgical year. This includes:

Seasonal Decorating Crews - People are needed to arrange flowers and plants, to iron and hang banners, and to place other items appropriate for the liturgical season or special liturgy in the Church, the Social Hall, and the entrances of the Church prior to major feasts and seasons such as Christmas and Easter. Seasonal decorating assistance is also necessary at the end of the major seasons to remove the décor and properly store it for the next year.

No experience is necessary. Helpers must enjoy working with others, be willing to accept direction, and be able to assist with moving, lifting, and preparing items to be placed in the environment. Contact the Parish Office if you are interested in being placed on the decorator list.

Linens Crew - People are needed every week to launder and iron the linens used at Mass. Linens are typically taken home on Sunday or Monday, laundered, ironed, folded and returned by Wednesday or Thursday. Each person is scheduled approximately once every 8 weeks.

Further Information:

We also welcome artists of various medias to help envision new ideas and work on our various projects throughout the year. For more information about helping on the Art and Environment Team, contact the Parish Office.

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to follow the cantor or choir director's lead. Music is distributed in advance so the accompanists may prepare at home. Practical training is provided.

Adult Choir is a choir of adults and high school students that sing traditional and contemporary choral music in four-part harmony at Sunday Masses and at special liturgies for Christmas, Holy Week, Confirmation, and First Eucharist. Rehearsals are weekly, prior to each special liturgy.

9:00 Choir is a choir of adults and students (7th grade and up) that sings on the fourth Sunday of each month at the 9:00 Mass. This choir sings traditional choral music with very simple harmony. Rehearsal is 45 minutes prior to Mass.

Funeral Choir is a choir of adults that sings traditional and contemporary choral music in four-part harmony at funerals. Rehearsals are called as needed.

Folk Group is a group of singers, guitarists and other instrumentalists that provides folk-style music at various Mass times two times per month. This group rehearses at 5:15 the Thursday prior to the Sunday Mass they are scheduled to sing at.

Life Teen Band consists of vocalists and instrumentalists, including guitars and drums, who sing praise and worship songs and the music of rising contemporary Christian artists. This group currently rehearses at 5:00 PM on the Thursday prior to Life Teen Mass in the Church, but adjusts this based on the group's schedule.

Instrumentalists include people who play a brass, percussion, string, or woodwind instrument and are willing to share their talents at Mass.

For more information about any of the music ministry opportunities at St. Philip's, contact Aana Freihammer, Liturgy & Music Director.
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to be at home as they enter the church and assemble for prayer. At least two greeters are needed for every weekend or holy day Mass held at the St. Philip's Church. The primary responsibilities include: welcoming people as they enter the church, distributing worship aids if necessary, finding individuals or a family to present the gifts, answering questions, and preparing the worship space for the next liturgy by picking up trash, etc.

Requirements: The ministry is open to all - women and men, young and old. Couples and families are encouraged to join this ministry.

Training: Training to become a greeter is held in the fall and takes about 45 minutes. Watch the bulletin for when the next training session will be held.

Hospitality: These ministers invite parishioners and visitors to gather after our Sunday liturgies in an atmosphere of friendship and welcome. They extend hospitality to the community by providing coffee, juice, donuts, and a smile.

Hospitality ministers assist in setting up and cleaning up before and after each liturgy. A minimum of ten volunteers are needed each weekend. Volunteers are scheduled on a rotating basis according to their availability and serve about 1 hour every 4-6 weeks after the Mass of their choice. It is a great opportunity for families to serve together.

Training: Training is provided on Sunday mornings for new volunteers.

Lector: Lectors strive to make the Liturgy of the Word as meaningful as possible for the worshiping assembly by speaking God's Word as storyteller, telling how God has acted and is acting in our lives. Lectors must proclaim God's Word in a clear and compelling manner so that the worshiping assembly will be inspired to ponder and meditate on God's words in their daily lives. Lectors also raise the prayers of the faithful to God on behalf of the assembly. Three lectors are needed at every weekend and holy day Mass. The first lector proclaims the Old Testament reading; the second lector proclaims the New Testament reading; and the third lector acts as intercessor by raising the prayers of the faithful (petitions) to God. Lectors are also needed for all weekday and Holy Day Masses.

Requirements: Must be in at least 11th grade or older and have received the

Sacrament of Confirmation. Must have a clear, steady voice and be comfortable reading in public. Must be a practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church. Must be willing to study the Scripture passage and take time to practice proclaiming the reading before each liturgical assignment to achieve effective liturgical proclamation. Lectors are expected to dress in a modest and respectful manner.

Training: Guidelines for the ministry and practical training are provided. Lectors receive a workbook with the readings for the current liturgical year as a resource in their preparation. Watch the bulletin for when the next training session will be held.

Sacristan: The Ministry of Sacristan provides a vital service to the worshipping community. At the St. Philip's Church, the sacristan's general responsibilities are to help prepare and maintain the worship space and to have in place the items and people needed by the Presider to properly and prayerfully celebrate Mass and other liturgies, in a smooth and flowing manner. Sacristans are needed for every weekday and weekend Mass.

Requirements: Faithful Catholic in good standing with the Church who has received the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. Flexible schedule to be at church before Mass to review set-up and to stay after Mass to reset items. Solid organizational skills. Comfortable communicating and working with other people. Humble attitude of service as a team player with respect for others. Willingness to learn liturgical terms, differences throughout the liturgical year, and the rites for sacraments and liturgies for holy days.

Training: Guidelines for this ministry are provided, and practical training is required. New sacristans will also work with an experienced sacristan for several Masses as part of the training program.

Usher: Ushers are signs of familiarity and stability for the worshipping community. Extending hospitality imitates God's gracious welcome and furthers the assembly's ability to worship. Ushers serve with discretion, creating an atmosphere conducive to prayer and worship. Their role is one of hosting with

warmth, friendship, respect, and with a true attitude of service.

At least four ushers are needed for every weekend or holy day Mass at the St. Philip's Church. The primary responsibilities of ushers include: helping seat assembly members as they arrive, taking up the collection, assisting the gift bearers, guiding the communion procession, distributing bulletins after Mass, answering questions, assisting parishioners in case of illness or emergency, preparing the worship space for the next liturgy by picking up trash, etc.

Requirements: The ministry is open to all women and men.

Training: Guidelines for the ministry and one-hour training on hospitality, the flow of the liturgy, and responsibilities and procedures are provided to assist those interested in becoming ushers. Watch the bulletin for when the next training session will be held.

MUSIC MINISTRY

The members of the assembly are the primary music-makers in the liturgy, and it is the goal of the music ministers to bring the song of the assembled community to life during each Mass. Our music ministry provides vocal and instrumental music for all weekend Masses, funerals, weddings, and special liturgies. There are a variety of opportunities available for people wanting to share their musical gifts with the parish, including the following:

Cantors proclaim the Word of God in the Psalms and lead the assembly in sung prayer. Those wishing to serve in this role must have a pleasant voice, a good sense of pitch and rhythm, and a prayerful, joyful spirit. Music is distributed in advance so that cantors may prepare at home. Private rehearsal with the director of music can be set up on an individual basis. Practical training is provided and singers who are not comfortable singing alone can be paired up with another to lead the singing at Mass.

Accompanists support the cantor or choir musically by playing the piano, organ or guitar. Those wishing to serve in this role must be able to work with a variety of musicians, read music, have a good sense of rhythm and tempo, and be able