

2017 Stewardship

“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for god loves a cheerful giver.”

2 Corinthians 9:7

Thank you for your gifts of time, talent and treasure. If you are reviewing your stewardship options, you may want to consider:

Electronic giving

- No need for checks or envelopes
- Option to remain anonymous
- Option to add to the collection basket using “Electronic Giving Cards” located at church entrances
- Schedule offering to fit with your paychecks (once or twice each month)

Other giving options

- Planned giving (including the Church of St. Philip in your estate planning.)
- Make St. Philip’s a beneficiary or insurance plans or other financial accounts.
- Talk to your financial adviser about how you would like to fulfill your charitable goals

Annual Household Income	% of Household Income Weekly Giving Chart			
	10%	8%	6%	4%
\$20,000	\$38	\$31	\$23	\$15
\$30,000	\$58	\$46	\$35	\$23
\$40,000	\$77	\$62	\$46	\$31
\$50,000	\$96	\$77	\$58	\$38
\$75,000	\$144	\$115	\$87	\$58
\$100,000	\$192	\$154	\$115	\$77

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 St. Philip’s Catholic Church

St. Philip’s School: Did you know?

- ▶ St. Philips opened its doors Monday, September 6, 1926 with 180 students (grades 1-8).
- ▶ 2017-2018 enrollment is 320 students (160 boys, 160 girls) from 222 families. Enrollment was 275 last year. Enrollment has not reached this level since the Grand Forks flood of 1997.
- ▶ Scholarships help many students attend St. Philip’s School.
- ▶ Parish subsidizes 25% of school budget.
- ▶ Sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students participate in classes at Bemidji Middle school and are eligible to participate in sports and activities. Go Jacks!
- ▶ SPS teachers have 314 combined years of teaching.
- ▶ An average of 60 people check-in at the office each school day between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.



College campus ministry

Ongoing programs are conducted for students at Bemidji State University and Northwest Technical College.

Faith Formation Activities

St. Philip’s Faith Formation program reaches children and young people in our parish. Volunteers share their faith during weekly and seasonal activities. While numbers don’t measure the impact, they provide a framework for our continued development.

- **Wednesday evening Faith Formation** (Preschool–Grade 11): 243 students, 51 high school & adult volunteers
- **2017 Steubenville:** 32 high school students
- **2017 Middle School Youth Rally:** 38 students
- **2016 Passport Party:** 87 students plus (and many chaperones)
- **2016-2017 Youth Group:** Average about 15 students
- **2017 John Paul II Camp:** 10 campers
- **Vacation Bible School:** 111 children and 39 Volunteers (middle school, high school & Adult)



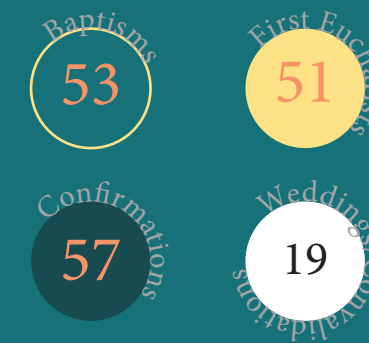
The Bemidji Catholic Community The Church of St. Philip

2017 Annual Report (July 30, 2016-June 30, 2017)

Souls in our care

Male: 1777 (Average age=40)
Female: 1969 (Average age=42)
Widows/widowers: 145
Single: 1277
Married: 1032 couples
Catholic: 3150
Non-Catholic: 596
Number of Bible studies: 4 groups who follow different programs throughout the year
Safe Environment Trained Volunteers: 378
Death: 38

Sacraments received



In service

We have 483 volunteers in more than a dozen ministries (sacristans, ushers, greeters, fellowship, captains, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMCH), altar servers, lectors, liturgical linens, flower care, decor, music, home-bound and hospital ministry, funeral food, Lazarus Committee and more) who range in age from 8 to 89. There are 45 dedicated individuals who volunteer for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome to choose a ministry.

Letter from Fr. Chuck

End of summer greetings, Sunday, August 27, 2017

On this the 21st Sunday of Ordinary time Jesus asks his disciples both then and today, “who do you say I am?” How did Jesus appear to his disciples so they could answer him with “Elijah, a prophet,” or “John the Baptist,” or most importantly: “You are the Christ.” Over the last few weeks we’ve heard about Jesus being transfigured, walking on water and being open to change because of the Canaanite woman’s love for her daughter. Their relationship with Jesus was the commitment that defined the apostle’s lives. It was strong enough that evil could not overcome their commitment to him. Peter was given the keys to the kingdom that meant he was able to open doors, give stability and continuity to God’s promise. I thought of our school starting its 91st year: We are a parish of stability and continuity to God’s message.

So, how do we, as the parish of St. Philip, appear to the world? How would the world answer the question: “Who is St. Philip’s?” As pastor, I hope the world observes what we say and do and would answer: “They are a community who witness to Jesus Christ in the world collectively and as individuals.”

An update on our six lawsuits. There have been no changes, no progress, only delays. As a reminder: The lawsuits are the result of the three-year lifting of the statute of limitations, called the Child Victims Act. We will continue to share any information as it becomes available.

Please remember the victims of abuse are our friends, neighbors and relatives. It is our call as Christians to reach out and help them in any way possible. As a parish community, we listen and continue to keep the victims of abuse in prayer daily and pray for a just resolution of the claims that have been filed.

This letter is surrounded by snippets, stats, and information. Check them out. They show our story.

When Jesus spoke of a good steward he was referencing a person who is in charge, in control, working with property or a valued possession. We are reminded of our stewardship of time, talent, and treasure.

Visitors commonly describe the people and parish of St. Philips as: kind, generous, loving, and caring. Glancing at some of the information in this mailing you see ways liturgical volunteers donate their time regularly. Bible study groups help each other learn more about God’s working then and now. It takes many volunteers to help make the school and faith formation program vibrant. It would be hard to

Mailing Panel

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In our community

St. Philip's contributes volunteers and funds to many charitable organizations and activities in and around Bemidji. They include:

- Churches United for the Homeless
- St. Vincent dePaul Conference
- Ruby's Pantry
- Bemidji Community Table (Soup Kitchen)
- St. Gianna's
- Servants of Shelter
- Tubs of Love
- Bemidji Community Food Shelf
- Homeless Students Program at Bemidji Public Schools
- Northwoods Pregnancy Care Center
- Northwoods Caregivers
- Jail Ministry
- Lutheran Social Services (Senior Nutrition Program)
- Evergreen House
- Senior Activity Center
- Social Concerns Committee
- St. Mary's Mission/School at Red Lake

Knights of Columbus Bemidji Council #1544 has 272 members and the St. Pope John Paul II 4th Degree assembly has 87 members.

Through generous support and countless volunteer hours, The Clothing Depot was able to donate \$25,000 to local nonprofit organizations

Letter from Fr. Chuck (cont'd)

find a diocesan parish with as many safe environment trained volunteers.

We are a parish of 1545 active families. Look for the stats on parish size and membership makeup. Our Information Station is a resource for new members as they seek to share in the life of Jesus we offer. The list of charitable and social justice causes we support is fantastic.

Last year in early July, I spoke about the parish life and plan. We had the parish long-range vision in hand and were starting on the journey of updating our physical plant and paying attention to delayed maintenance projects. We have been successful beyond imagination. You know about the roof, air conditioning, statues, updated security on campus, electronic bulletin boards, plans to expand our campus, painting, carpeting, and improved sound system. Soon we will have a T-Loop system for hearing aid wearers. Many items are a work in process.

A year ago, we noted we needed a 20% increase in regular Sunday contributions to pay for identified needs and to avoid a capital campaign. The people of St. Philip's are generous: Thank you and thank you God for good stewards: fiscal year (July 2015 to June 2016) the Sunday offertory was \$864,498. Fiscal year (July 2016 to June 2017) we can report \$1,012,740 as the Sunday offertory. Congratulations, thank you and thanks to God. You have made a difference in the life of the parish.

Yes, we have 48 months to go with that increase to have all items in the parish long-range plan covered. If you look in the weekly bulletin you will see that we are maintaining the increased balance as of this date. Under the financial report, it shows a major projects expense of \$315,230. This expense for last year covered the previously listed projects plus the addition of two meeting room spaces and many smaller projects.

In addition to our Sunday revenue, we also list many special collections where the generosity of the parish shines forth: Diocesan Annual Appeal and a list of second collections that reach out around the world helping others. St. Philip's is a generous parish.

I'd like to highlight one special event that summarizes the generosity of time, talent and treasure. Little Abby Freihammer and her need for a new heart. This spring a special day was held that brought a community together in love. So much fun was had, needed funds were raised, prayers were and are being said... what was the outcome? Abby got a new heart and at that point tears of joy but also prayers were offered for the family that made a very generous gift of a heart. Recently someone commented that it is wonderful that Abby is doing so well with no setbacks to date. This makes me think about the number of prayers that reached God's ears... he heard us and answered our community prayers... We are aware that God is present in all of life's moments. In finding God at the center of our lives, we become faithful "stewards" of our time, talent and treasure.

So, how do we as the parish of St. Philips appear to the world?

We celebrate that our St. Vincent de Paul Conference is making a difference for the poor in our area. They help individuals and families rise above poverty. The Knights of Columbus Council excels on their projects with dedication and many volunteer hours. And for the first time in many years we conducted a parish mission with the help of Casting Nets Ministries.

Our new Young Families Fellowship group is increasing in size and potential for peer support and companionship. These connected families are the future at St Philip's.

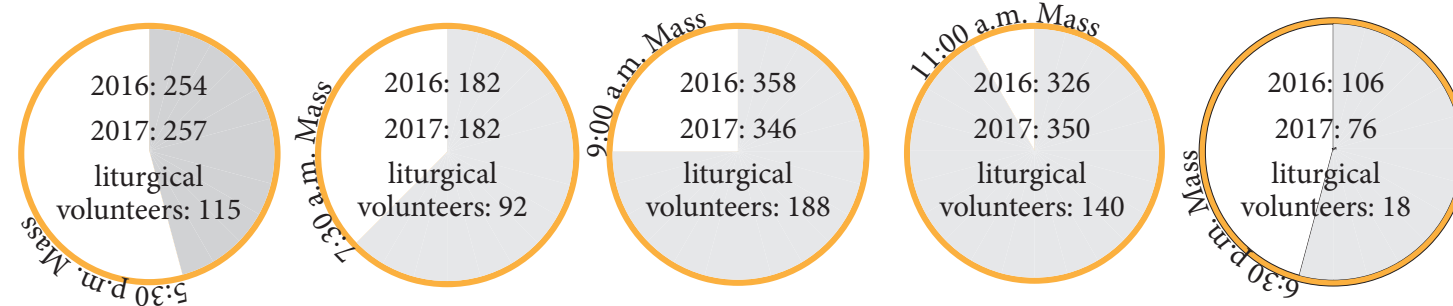
It is impressive that we have groups coming forward with ideas to share Jesus with others here at St. Philip's. One group is considering helping others with answering questions of faith, another with outreach to the widowed, the divorced. We are thankful for those who attended ABC dinners and asked thoughtful questions about our faith. Fr. Matt Schmitz and Deacon Nate Brunn both have expressed how thankful they are for the formation opportunity they have experienced here... thanks for helping form great priests for the diocese.

I invite you to consider your stewardship of treasure. We provide a form on the side of this annual report. Please prayerfully consider any changes you might be able to make and return the form to us.

How do we as the parish of St. Philip appear to the world? Who does the world say we are? No question: the world would look at what we say and do and would be able to say: "They are a community who witness to Jesus Christ in the world collectively and as individuals."

Thank You Jesus for the parish of St Philip's.

Mass attendance



Easter Mass Attendance

	Vigil	7:30 a.m.	9 a.m.	11 a.m.	Total
2017	322	460	622	625	2029

Christmas Mass Attendance

	4 p.m.	6:30 p.m.	10 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	10 a.m.	Total
2016	921	381	202	101	332	1937

Financial report

Revenues	7/2015-6/2016	7/2016-6/2017
Sunday Offertory	\$864,498.00	\$1,012,740.00
Other Misc. Parish	\$90,227.00	\$181,792.00
Tuition/Scholarships/Diocesan Subsidies	\$812,079.00	\$878,512.00
School Fundraisers	\$73,505.00	\$44,983.00
Other Misc. School	\$64,860.00	\$67,634.00
Faith Formation Revenues	\$39,263.00	\$22,030.00
Cemetery Revenues	\$26,938.00	\$16,226.00
Total Revenues	\$1,971,370.00	\$2,223,917.00

Expenses	7/2015-6/2016	7/2016-6/2017
Salaries/Benefits	\$1,425,173.00	\$1,620,353.00
Facility Costs/Utilities	\$211,971.00	\$187,073.00
Diocesan Assessments/OND	\$72,971.00	\$70,133.00
Other Misc.	\$189,448.00	\$191,403.00
Major Projects		\$315,230.00
Total Expenses	\$1,899,563.00	\$2,384,192.00
Net Gain (Shortfall)	\$71,807.00	\$(160,275.00)

Special collections (2016-17)

- Retired Religious: \$5,685.05
- Propagation of the Faith: \$2,484.16
- Black & Native American: \$2,217.76
- Bishops Overseas Appeal (CRS): \$3,518.00
- Solidarity Fund-Africa: \$2,410.66
- Catholic Home Missions: \$2,553.17
- Peter's Pence: \$3,627.26
- Campaign for Human Development: \$2,311.09
- Latin America: \$2,491.70
- Retired Religious Fund: \$5,606.21
- Catholic Comm/Universities: \$1,666.07
- Disaster Relief Funds: \$5,355.40
- Basilica Dome: \$1,306.73
- Military Diocese: \$1,762.05
- DAA: \$76,825.00

Name _____ AUTHORIZATION OF ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFER OF SUNDAY OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTION FOR ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH, BEMIDJI, MINN.

Address: _____ Name of financial institution: _____

Phone: _____ City, State, ZIP of financial institution: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ Account Number: _____

I authorize the following to be automatically deducted from my checking/savings account. This authorization will remain in effect until further notice. Checking Savings

\$ _____ Once a month on the 5th of each month, effective _____ Bank routing number: _____

\$ _____ Once a month on the 20th of each month, effective _____ (Nine-digit number found on bottom left of check between the symbols | : |)

\$ _____ Twice a month on the 5th and the 20th of each month, effective _____

I hereby authorize The Church of St. Philip and the bank named above to initiate entries to my checking/savings account. This authority will remain in effect until I notify you or the bank in writing to cancel it in such time as to afford the bank a reasonable opportunity to act on it. I can stop payment of any entry by notifying you or my bank three (3) days before my account is charged. I can have the amount of any erroneous charge immediately credited to my account up to 15 days following issuance of my bank statement or 46 days after posting, whichever occurs first.

Signature _____ Date _____