

St. Philip's Snippets

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Congratulations to Our Mathletes!

Congratulations to our St. Philip's Math Counts team! Team "A" took 1st place in Northern League. Ashley Maki took first place individual, Sam Mutnansky was 4th place and Charlie McCalip was 5th. Way to go! The "A" team heads to the Regional Math Counts Competition in Thief River Falls in February. Good luck Mathletes!

Ministers Needed!



Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Greeter, and Usher trainings are just around the corner, and if you have thought about getting involved in these ministries, it is time to get trained! We need more volunteers at every Mass for these three ministries. We are especially looking for families to join the greeter ministry. This is a great way for an entire family of diverse ages serve at Mass together. We have a convenient online scheduling system, and we work with your availability. If you are interested in helping, please contact Aana Freihammer (218-444-4262) or afreihammer@stphilipsbemidji.org. Trainings start soon!

School Registration

Wow! We've gotten A LOT of 2018-2019 St. Philip's School registration packets back! Thank you! Remember to turn your forms & fees in by Wednesday, February 7th to ensure your students place at St. Philip's School next year!

Registration for parish families open on Thursday, February 8th.

Non-Catholic registration opens on Wednesday, February 14th.

**FIRST EUCHARIST PARENT SESSIONS:
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 5:15 P.M. OR
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 6:30 P.M.**



Two opportunities to attend the First Eucharist Parent Session will be offered: **February 13 at 5:15 p.m.** and **February 22 at 6:30 p.m.** at 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.

**8th Grade Bemidji High
School Registration**

Jennifer Voge, School Counselor from BHS, will be back on **Tuesday, February 6th** to help the 8th graders register for 9th grade at the High School.



Box Tops +

Send in your **Box Tops, Printer Ink Cartridges and Pop Tabs!** The Box Top program is going strong & St. Philip's benefits greatly from it. Printer Ink Cartridges gain us \$ to use from Office Max for the school & Pop Tabs we collect are donated to the Ronald McDonald House.

Lent!

Lent starts this year on Wednesday, February 14th with Ash Wednesday. Join us for Mass that day at 8:40 am. Fridays with the Father students will be our Mass Ministers. We will have Stations of the Cross on Fridays starting on Feb. 23rd.



St. Philip's 2018 Spring Gala

Friday, April 27th, 2018

Hampton Inn: South Shore Conference Center

Social Hour 6:00 pm

Dinner 7:00 pm

Silent Auction & Live Auction

All proceeds benefit St. Philip's School

Tickets Available in the school office



Catholic Schools Raffle 2018

Sponsored by Catholic United Financial

How are ticket sales going?! This is a great fundraiser for St. Philip's as all the money collected goes to our school. The next turn-in date to do something fun will be February 9th. **Final date to turn in tickets is February 26th.** Please make sure to turn in all tickets, whether you sell them or not. Thank you for your time and effort in this great opportunity!

Burning of the Palms

If you have any blessed palms, bring them in before next Wednesday. These palms become the ashes used on Ash Wednesday. Next Wednesday after our Communion Service, the palms will be burned in the parking lot with the school in attendance.

Iowa Test of Basic Skills

Our 3rd, 5th and 7th graders will be taking the Iowa Test of Basic Skills Monday, February 5 - Friday February 9. We ask that you try not to schedule appointments or have the students miss class during this time if possible. A good night's sleep and breakfast is also helpful!
Thank you!

Upcoming Dates

Monday, February 5-Friday February 9: Iowa Tests of Basic Skills.

Tuesday, February 6: 8th grade registration for Bemidji High School. See details above.

Wednesday, February 7: All School Communion Service. No Mass this day.

Wednesday, February 7: Burning of the palms will take place after the Communion Service.

Wednesday, February 7: Report cards are sent home.

Friday, February 9: Regional Math Counts Competition, Thief River Falls.

Friday, February 16: Teacher Inservice Day. No School.

Monday, February 19: President's Day. No School.

NEXT WEEKEND!

You are Invited to St. Philip's Parish KOINONIA Retreat

Friday Evening-Sunday Afternoon, Feb. 9-11, 2018

The Koinonia weekend is designed to help men and women grow in understanding, appreciation and experience of God, Jesus, Faith, Church, Ministry, Scripture and Self.

Here are what people who have attended the retreat have said: "When you hear the word 'retreat', I don't think the word "fun" immediately comes to mind. I had a lot of fun on this weekend." "What amazed me was that I've known the people that gave the talks, but I have not **really** known them or their stories. One man gave a talk on Prayer and his talk has changed my prayer life forever." "The food was great! The team was wonderful. I was completely taken care of for two and a half days." "I've always known ABOUT Jesus. This weekend somehow made Him real for me. Now I KNOW Jesus."

Participants in a Koinonia weekend must be at least 18 years of age. If you live nearby, you go home at night. Lodging will be provided for those from out of town.

The retreat begins with supper on Friday at 5:00 p.m. and ends on Sunday around 5:00 p.m. Please plan on spending some quality time with members from your faith community. Casual clothes are worn throughout the weekend and all meals are provided. The weekend schedule is as follows:

Friday (5:00 p.m. - late evening), Saturday (8:00 a.m. - late evening), Sunday (8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.), the weekend of February 9th-11th, 2018.

The cost of the weekend is only \$30 per person, which includes all supplies needed, as well as meals. Can't afford the cost? There are scholarships available, just write "scholarship" on the registration form; your confidentiality will be respected.

To register please fill out and return the form below by Sunday, February 4th. You can turn it into the school or parish office, or drop in the Sunday collection basket at Mass. Please call Deacon Kermit at 218-441-4903 for more information or to register by phone.

Koinonia Registration Form

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Single _____ Married _____ Birthdate _____

Do you know anyone who has made a Koinonia or TEC retreat? _____ If yes, whom? _____

They live in _____. Do you have any special needs(diet, handicap, lodging, etc.):