

SHEPHERD OF SOULS AREA FAITH COMMUNITY



AUGUST 20, 2023



20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Then Jesus said to her in
reply, "O woman, great is
your faith! Let it be done
for you as you wish."
And the woman's daughter
was healed from that hour.
- Mt 15:28

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AFC MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

St. Philip, Litchfield 5:00pm

Sunday

St. Philip, Litchfield 8:00am

Our Lady, Manannah 8:00am

St. John, Darwin 10:00am

St. Anthony, Watkins 10:00am

St. Philip, Litchfield (Spanish)
..... 12:00pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday

St. Philip 4:15pm-4:45pm

Thursday

St. John After 8:00am Mass

St. Anthony After 8:30am Mass
(3rd, 4th & 5th Thursday)

Friday

Our Lady After 8:00am Mass

*Or Please call A Priest for an
Appointment*

NEW MEMBER REGISTRATION

To register as members of any of our three parishes
go to

www.shepherdofsouls.org

and click on "I'm new". If you prefer, you may call
the office of the church you wish to register at.

Mass live streaming on our website using Facebook Live
every Saturday at 5:00 pm St. Philip, Sunday at 8:00 am
at St. Philip & Our Lady, Sunday 10:00 am at St. John.
You can follow us at [https://www.facebook.com/
profile.php?id=100069068800296](https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100069068800296) The video will remain
on our website after the mass is over.

WATKINS CHURCH OF ST ANTHONY

201 Central Ave S | Watkins, MN 55389 | 320-764-2755

LITCHFIELD CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP

821 East 5th Street | Litchfield, MN 55355 | 320-693-3313

DARWIN CHURCH OF ST. JOHN

106 N. 4th Street | Darwin, MN 55324
320-693-9496 | 320-275-2915

MANANNAH CHURCH OF OUR LADY

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WELCOME!

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PASTOR'S LETTER

I am happy to report that Our Lady has a new Faith Formation Coordinator, Deb McCann. We welcome her to our staff.

I have had the joy of being a part of a Tony Melendez concert. He is an inspiring man of faith, and a moving musician/singer. Please plan on coming Aug. 20th for this free-will fundraiser for our friends in Guatemala.

Because of the Bazaar at St. Philip, Sunday Sept. 10th the Mass schedule will be changed to 8 am at St. John and 10 am at St. Philip.

Peace be with you,
Fr. Jeff Horejsi

Congratulations to Fr. Jeff on the 32nd Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood on August 24th!

Bulletin Announcements: Please have your bulletin announcements to Julie at jschmitz@shepherdofsouls.org. By noon on Monday. Thank you!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

AUGUST 20, 2023

Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 (8bc)/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

MASSES & INTENTIONS

St Anthony Church Cleaners:

Church Cleaners: Aug 20-Sep 2:
Tim & Mary Geislinger, John &
LouAnn Garding, Rebecca
Garding & Dan & Christin
Geislinger and families. Call
Theresa at 764-7251 to unlock.

St Anthony Mass Ministries, Sun, 10 am

Lector - Andy Hesse/Kelly
Meierhofer
EM- Theresia Linn
MS - Miles Hesse & Andrew
Hennemann
Ushers - Nick Vossen, Ron
Molitor, Laurie Molitor & Kenny
Asfeld
Rosary Leader- Sharon Simmons
Children Liturgy - Donna & Rose
Hospitality - Theresa Faber &
Ellen Libbesmeier
Coffee & Donuts - Ethel Donnay &
Norene Schlangen

Mass Schedule Time Change

Sunday, September 10th

8:00 am Mass at St. John
10:00 am Mass at St. Philip

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Monday, August 21

No Mass

Tuesday, August 22

St Anthony, Watkins 6:00 pm† CCW Members

St Philip, Litchfield 6:00 pm† Delores Speiser

Wednesday, August 23

Dassel Lakeside, Dassel 10:00 am† Ralph Russell

Hilltop Care Center, Watkins 10:30 am† Mike & Arletta Turner

Thursday, August 24

St. John, Darwin 8:00 am† Mary Stoffel

St. Anthony, Watkins 8:30 am† Alayna Ertl

Friday, August 25

Our Lady, Manannah 8:00 amShut Ins of the AFC

St. Philip, Litchfield 8:30 am No Mass

Saturday, August 26

St. Philip, Litchfield 5:00 pm† Joan Johnson

Sunday, August 27

St. Philip, Litchfield 8:00 am† JoAnn DeRamus-Oxford

Our Lady, Manannah 8:00 am† Jerry Gruenes

St. John, Darwin 10:00 am† Benno Roehl

St. Anthony, Watkins 10:00 am† Rita Ertl

St. Philip, Litchfield 12:00 pm (Spanish) People of the Parish

Please pray for those who are sick in the Parish especially...

St.P: Todd Wheeler, Isaac Buhr, Beckie Schaefer, Dan Curran, Fran Tintes, Jasper Kargas, Antonio Franco, Sylvia Johnson, Jon Laney, Jan Paulson, Jordan Munson, Robin, Caitlin Pitts, Karen Marsh, Shirley Buck, Mary Knutson, Tim Kapperman, Kay Grams, Philip Johnson, Dale Andersen, Darlene Putney, Addie Fairbairn, Carol Huhner, Peg Shaw, Roberta Meyer, Jeremy Munson, Carole Becker, Jim Knott, Virginia Ourada, Marge Hanson, Pat Aaker, Jodi Henricksen Winkles, Summer Franco, Florence Rezek, Cordelia Lewandoski, Julie Eck, Pat Munson, Jeremy Munson, Gloria Anderson. Prayer Line phone number 593-8944.

OL: Prayer Line: Mary Kalkbrenner, Nancy Haag, George Pfeffer, Dolores Wiechmann, McKenzie Knisley Family, Mary Hansen, Josephine Valiant, Berkley Johnson, Sue Wallace, JoAnn Topp. Prayer line phone number 693-8900.

St.J: Ednel Diedrich, Susan Hummel, Alivia Hemsworth, Amber Walker, Alec McLean, Marlys Roehl, Luis Larios, Troy Kotila, Kim (Elke) Jack, Raylan Russel, Kathy Thissen, Patrick Ecklund, Mike Ackerman, Jacob Schmitz, Kathy Eggert, Mary Jo Edwards, Janice Crowe, Lori Ficker, Judy Haverkamp, Wes Edwards, Jessee Steuck, Clarence Vorlicek, Mary Levinski, Phyllis Levno, Dale LaPlante, Reiden Cichoska, Tony & Lena Marelic, Betsy Wright, Helana Posusta. Prayer Line Phone Number 693-9496.

St.A: The Jackie Boulton Family, Ron Welle, the Ley Family, Ellen Libbesmeier, Carol Huberty, Tom Huberty and Patrice Canfield. Prayer Line phone number 764-2755.

And all those who have asked for our prayers of healing of their friends and relatives.

Stewardship

SUNDAY CONTRIBUTIONS and OFFERINGS FROM THE WEEKEND OF: August 13, 2023				
OFFERINGS	St. John	Our Lady	St. Philip	St. Anthony
Youth & Children Envelope	\$0.00	\$15.00	\$0.00	\$6.00
Adult Envelope	\$2,435.00	\$2,216.00	\$3,542.00	\$2,475.00
ACH (Auto payment)	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$690.00
Loose Plate Collection	\$287.00	\$146.00	\$922.00	\$353.00
TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERING	\$2,822.00	\$2,377.00	\$4,464.00	\$3,524.00
Weekly Amount needed for budget	\$3,726.00	\$2,216.00	\$8,365.33	\$3,077.00
This Week's Difference	(\$904.00)	\$161.00	(\$3,901.33)	\$447.00
YEAR TO DATE SUNDAY OFFERING	\$19,014.00	\$12,582.00	\$59,856.70	\$21,339.00
Year to Date Budget Needs	\$26,082.00	\$15,512.00	\$58,557.31	\$21,539.00
YEAR TO DATE DIFFERENCE	(\$7,068.00)	(\$2,930.00)	\$1,299.39	(\$200.00)

Every Parishioner is a Gift to the Parish and the Church. Your Financial Contributions and the Gift of your time and talents in serving the needs of our Parish and Area Faith Community is a Blessing!

Any donations can be mailed or made online at <https://www.shepherdofsouls.org/donate> Please specify the name of the parish or fund you are donating to in the comments area.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

MONDAY, AUGUST 21

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22

StP 8:30 am....Rosary
StP 9:00 am....Bible Time

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23

StJ 8:30 am....Quilting
StP 5:00 pm....Bazaar Meeting

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24

AFC 6:00 pm....AFC Joint Council Meal & 7:00 pm Meeting @ St. Anthony

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

StP 8:00 am....Rosary
StP 7:00 pm....Spanish Rosary

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

StA 7:30 am....Men's Group @EV
StA 8:00 am....Women Group
StP 8:00 am....Band of Brothers Bible Study

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

50th Anniversary Open House Celebration - Jim & Mona Haag are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house reception on Sunday, August 20, from 2-5 p.m. at Sportsman's Den in Lake Henry. No gifts please, just your presence.

Live in Concert—World-Renowned Musician Tony Melendez

Sunday, August 20, 7:00 pm at St. Philip Church.
Tony generates hope and commitment to help bring people's hearts toward Jesus Christ. Knowing how important life is, he strongly believes in justice and living with dignity!

Free Will Donations

This event is sponsored by A'KALA Family Foundation, San Lucas Toliman Guatemala

Other Locations for Concerts: Madison - Church of St. Michael, Sat, Aug 19 and Mankato - St. John the Baptist Church, Mon, Aug 21.

Eucharistic Adoration

He is waiting for you to come spend time praying.
Eucharistic Adoration will be

St. Anthony, Every Thursday –Friday

Thursday 9:00 am to Friday 9:00 am

Everyone is welcome to come and pray!



ST. ANTHONY FAITH FORMATION VOLUNTEERS

Before the big, yellow school buses gas up for this new school year it would be great to have volunteers in place ready to pass on the faith. If you are reading this you could be of help to the program. Please consider stepping up to volunteer. The more people involved in the program the richer our parish community will be. Consider inviting others to step up with you, God is calling you to use your skills and for you to invite others to discern their gifts too. Some volunteer areas: Teacher, co-teacher (ask a friend to teach with you), classroom assistant, substitute, office support, monitor, meal prep, nursery help, greeter, emcee, speaker, prayer leader, small group leader etc. After prayerfully considering your talents please reach out to the Faith Formation Office at either 320-453-5765 or evwcatholic@gmail.com. I can't wait to hear from you....Bonnie Meyer

ST. ANTHONY ANNUAL TEACHER & CLASSROOM ASSISTANT MEETING

Mark your calendars for our annual teacher and aide meeting coming up on Tuesday, August 29th 6:30pm (after the 6pm Mass) in the St. Anthony's Parish Hall. This meeting is for all K-11th grade teachers and classroom assistants from both St. Anthony's and Assumption.

Job Opportunity - Faith Formation Assistant for the parishes of Assumption in Eden Valley and St. Anthony in Watkins. This assistant would work collaboratively with a Faith Formation Coordinator. Qualifications: Knowledge of Catholic doctrine and practice, good communication skills, and a willingness to travel required. Part time with benefits. A job description will be posted soon on www.shepherdofsouls.org and www.churchoftheassumptionedenvalley.org. Please send a letter of introduction and resume to: frdonwager@aol.com or frjeff@shepherdofsouls.org. Or for more information call Fr. Don Wagner 320-293-7566 or Fr. Jeff Horejsi 320-221-4120.

Shepherd of Souls Young Adult Group

We are looking to start up a young adult group to grow our faith and share the love of God! We will play games, have snacks, do service projects, and have worship nights! Bring your friends ages 17+. We hope to see you there! Upcoming meetings on August 28th and September 11th at 6PM at the St. John's Ed Center. Contact Hayle Hurley for more information at 763-600-2310.

BACK TO SCHOOL SALAD LUNCHEON

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30TH

11:00 AM-1:00 PM

ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH SOCIAL HALL



Sponsored by St. Philip's Catholic United Financial Council

A Catholic United Financial Council Matching Grant Fund

Raising Event

Catholic United Financial



THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Topics: Pope Pius X, The Queen Mother/Lectio: Mary/ Episode 4 and Sait Bartholomew

To sign up for Formed: Go to website, Click on Sign up, Sign up as a Parishioner, find Shepherd of Souls AFC and enter your name & email address.

St. John Fall Festival Announcements

Garden Stand: There will be a garden stand that will have vegetables from the community garden and you can donate home grown items from your garden or fresh canned items if you have excess.

Volunteer Sign Up: We need volunteers to make the fall festival a success. Sign up will be in back of church on the weekend of Aug 20-21. This is an excellent opportunity for families to share their time and talent. It is also a great way for the youth to get involved in our parish. If you did not get your name on the sign up sheet and want to help please call or text Wes Hoffman 612-310-6262

Raffle Tickets: Pick up your raffle ticket envelope in back of church. Sell as many tickets as you can. If you need more you can contact the parish office 320-693-9496, please drop off sold tickets to parish office or place in collection basket by Sept 10th , or the morning of the festival at the Ed Center

Silent Auction: In order to make the Silent Auction a successful part of our fall festival we need you to donate a theme basket, ideas are endless.....ideas include.....faith, MN, school supplies, movie night, garden, pets, baby, camping, canned goods, kitchen, BBQ. Drop off will be at Ed Center Friday Sept 16th 3p-7p, Saturday Sept 17th 10a-4p or the morning of the festival. Drop off at the ED Center Friday Sept 15 3-7 pm or Church basement will be Saturday Sept 16th between 10 am & 4 pm or call Wes Hoffman 612-310-6262 for other options

St. Anthony Fall Festival Update

The St. Anthony Fall Festival is set for September 10th and will be here before you know it! Raffle books to buy/sell are now available after the Sunday Masses or at the office. The raffle is the main money maker for the festival so the sale of all the tickets is important. The festival committee is asking each household to do their best to sell or buy two raffle books each. Those who do so, will be put into a drawing to win \$100! Thank you, in advance, to everyone for their support. Also, the volunteer worker's sign up sheets are now on the table in the handicapped addition. Remember also to start thinking about your silent auction baskets! Your generosity in these areas is much appreciated!

RCIA: An Invitation to Come and See!

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is a several month process by which our Church prepares adults for Baptism and the other Sacraments of Initiation - Confirmation and Holy Communion. It is a learning and loving process in which conversion of the heart brings one to Jesus Christ. Also, through weekly meetings, those attending gain a deeper appreciation and understanding of the Catholic beliefs and practices. The RCIA journey begins in the fall, and the process becomes more intense during Lent as candidates prepare for receiving their sacraments at the Easter Vigil. After Easter, we continue to meet and talk about living out our faith.

It is up to us to extend a gentle invitation to spouses, relatives, friends and neighbors who may be just waiting for this opportunity. They may be ready but not know how to make an inquiry. Or, they may not be ready today, but you can plant a seed that will grow and bloom into a decision sometime in the future.

Feel free to invite those who may be searching; those who have never been baptized as Christians; those who have been baptized in another Christian faith tradition and are now interested in the Catholic faith; those who were baptized in the Catholic faith but did not receive First Communion and/or Confirmation; and those Catholics who have been away and now may have questions about the Catholic faith. All are welcome, and there is no obligation to make any commitment to become Catholic.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in participating in RCIA, or would like more information, please talk to Fr. Jeff, Fr. Mike, Dcn. John, Dcn. Roger, or Dcn. Phil. You can also contact the Shepherd of Souls RCIA coordinators: Angela Wannigman at 320-221-2339; or Pam Osborne at 320-583-5206.

Church of St. Anthony

FALL FESTIVAL

Sunday, Sept. 10 • 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Located at Church of St. Anthony's, Watkins

Join us for 10:00 a.m. Outdoor Mass
(Weather Permitting, Bring a Chair)

- Hamburgers • Corn Dogs • Chicken Strips
- French Fries • Onion Rings • Fried Bread
- Nachos • Pie & Ice Cream • Root Beer Floats
- Ice Cream Sundaes • Beer Garden & Bloody Marys

Live Music!

River Canyon Band
Playing 12:30- 4 p.m.

\$2,000 Grand Prize Raffle
\$7,000 Paid Out in Prizes

- 50/50 Hourly Raffle • Bingo
- Children's Games & Inflatables (11 a.m. - 3 p.m.)
- Face Painting • Silent Auction
- Pull Tabs • Bake Walk • Teen Activities



St. Philip's Church Bazaar & 18th annual Car Show!

Sunday, September 10, 2023 at

The Church of St. Philip 11:00-3:00 p.m.
821 E. 5th Street / Litchfield, MN 55355
Mass in the Church Proper - 10:00 a.m. ****This is a special mass time for this event**

Mexican Food Stand, KC Food Stand, Pie & Ice cream, Root beer Floats,

Beverages by V's Bar & Grill

Music by Kirk & Andy/Cowboys In Sneakers

Kids Games, Bingo, Pull Tabs, Farmers Market, Wheel of Prize

\$10.00 Raffle - Raffle Drawings - 2:00pm

1st prize \$2,000.00 * 2nd \$1,000.00 * 3rd \$500.00 *
4th \$250.00 * 5th-9th \$100 prizes * 10th-19th \$75 prizes
Additional books of tickets are available at the Parish Office.

ALL SOLD & UNSOLD RAFFLE TICKETS MUST BE RETURNED.

We can't wait to see you at the Bazaar!

WHATS GOING ON

St. John's Catholic Church **FALL FESTIVAL**

Sunday, September 17, 2023

11:00 - 2:30 pm

St. John's Ed Center

17260 US Hwy 12 Cokato

- 11-1:30 Smoked Pulled Pork & Chicken Dinner \$15.00/plate
- Hot Dog lunch/snack stand \$5 lunch (hot dog, chips, drink)
- 11a-2p Silent Auction
- 11:30a-1:30p Meat Raffle
- 2:30 Cash & Quilt Raffle Drawings
- Garden Stand/Bake Sale
- Kids Games

Let's get together

Can't wait to see you at the Festival!

CHURCH OF OUR LADY MANANNAH
57482 CSAH 3, Grove City (Manannah)

Grilled Smoked PORK CHOP SUPPER & RAFFLE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023
SERVING FROM 4:00 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

Cost Adults \$10.00 Ages 6-12 \$5.00
under 5 Free

Menu: Grilled Smoked Pork Chops,
Au gratin Potatoes, Corn, bread & dessert

Country Store & Cash Bingo

Tickets for the raffle are currently being sold by all Church of Our Lady members.

\$5.00 per ticket - \$50.00 per book (10 chances)

Drawing September 24th 2023 at 7 p.m.

Winner Need Not Be Present