



Sacred Heart Catholic Community of Wilton

April 26, 2026 • Fourth Sunday of Easter

PARISH COMMUNITY

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Church Mailing Address: PO Box 1897, Bemidji, MN 56619-1897
Church Physical Address: 135 3rd St NW, Wilton, MN 56687
www.sacredheartwilton.com • Mass: Sunday morning 9:00 am

Fellowship Hall..... (218) 751-8446

BOOKKEEPER

Deb Heineman.....(218) 444-3287

BULLETIN INFORMATION

Ruth Walters(218) 308-1265
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If you wish to receive the bulletins via email, please contact
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CEMETERY

Shelly Fredriksen(218) 556-8023
Richard Anderson.....(218) 467-3275
Clark Chambers.....(218) 760-2936

COMMUNITY OUTREACH & HALL RENTAL

Shelly Fredriksen(218) 556-8023
If you would like to use the church or social hall
for an event, (wedding, reunion, etc) please contact
Shelly to schedule and for rental information.

FUNERALS

LeAnn Agnes.....(218) 289-2351

LITURGY

Candy Barthel.....(218) 224-3466
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Christopher Agnes.....(218) 401-4116

MUSIC MINISTERS

Deb Smith.....(218) 387-5322
Mardelle Mohs.....(715) 699-1384

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Christopher Agnes.....(218) 401-4116
Symon Schindler-Syme
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Jim Sparke(218) 444-9098
Jennifer Trammell.....(218) 556-5945
Ruth Walters(218) 308-1265
Regular meetings are the third Sunday of Jan., Mar.,
May, Jul., Sep., and Nov. starting at 7:00 pm in the
church social hall.

PARISH OUTREACH

Deb Heineman.....(218) 444-3287

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Contact Fr. John for information.

TRUSTEES

Richard Anderson
Cheryl Pauly

ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBERS

If you have changed your phone number, address or email address, please let Shelly know so the church records can be updated. It is helpful when notification about weather related announcements need to go out. Thank you for your help.

BAPTISM

Please contact Father John. When a date is set, please contact Ruth Walters.

BUSY BAGS

There are Busy Bags available for children during Mass. They are on the bulletin rack.

CALLING TREE

If church is cancelled due to weather, an email notice will be sent. If you don't have email and would like to have a phone call for cancellations, please give your phone number to Zelda or Polly. Thank you.

HEARING HELP

If you need assistance in hearing, there are hearing devices available for Mass.

KEEP US INFORMED

Please keep the priests and other church members informed of the hospitalized, sick or shut-ins or a recent family death. Contact Zelda Cartier or Deb Heineman for a visit from a Eucharistic Minister or a card.

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like Mass to be said for someone, please contact Ruth at (218) 308-1265 or fill out a Mass Intentions envelope found in the bulletin rack and give to Ruth.

SACRED HEART COMMUNITY WELCOMES YOU

No matter what your present status is in the Catholic Church.

No matter your current family or marital situation.

No matter your personal history, age, income, background, gender, race, ethnicity or spirituality.

No matter your own self-image of holiness or virtue -

You belong to Jesus Christ
and you belong to us!

You are invited, accepted and respected here
at Sacred Heart.

We want to share our Roman Catholic way
of faith and life in Christ with you!

NEW PARISHIONERS

New Parishioners are always welcome! Please see Shelly Fredriksen to register.

RECONCILIATION

Please contact Father John to schedule.

SERVING CREWS

If it is your month to serve on the cleaning crew, and you are unable to help, please find a substitute to take over for you.

TRADITION

The first Sunday of the month, Potluck immediately following Mass.

Everyone Welcome!

VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR

Diocese of Crookston
Cindy Hulst, LSW
24 hour confidential number:
(218) 281-7895

SCHOLARSHIP

Sacred Heart has established a Youth Scholarship Fund to help with tuition for our young people who choose to attend parochial school. If you would like to donate to the fund, please indicate (either on the memo line of your check, on an envelope, or by post-it note) that the donation is for youth scholarships.

Restrooms are located at the far end of the social hall, and in the nursery. The nursery is available for anyone with small children, so that all may participate in celebrating Mass.

If you are in need of a gluten free host, please let the Sacristan know

Please pray for those who have been called to leave their families in service to our country.

LIGHTS & DOORS

If you are last person in church please make sure lights are off and the doors are locked.

4/26/26

Reading I Acts 2:14, 36-41
Responsorial Psalm Psalm 23:1-6
Reading II I Peter 2:20-25
Gospel John 10:1-10

4/27/26

Reading I Acts 11:1-18
Responsorial Psalm Psalm 42:2-3, 43:3-4
Gospel John 10:11-18

4/28/26

Reading I Acts 11:19-26
Responsorial Psalm Psalm 87:1-7
Gospel John 10:22-30

4/29/26

Reading I Acts 12:24-13:5
Responsorial Psalm Psalm 67:2, 3, 5, 6, 8
Gospel John 12:44-50

4/30/26

Reading I Acts 13:13-25
Responsorial Psalm Psalm 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27
Gospel John 13:16-20

5/1/26

Reading I Acts 13:26-33
Responsorial Psalm Psalm 2:6-11
Gospel John 14:1-6

5/2/26

Reading I Acts 13:44-52
Responsorial Psalm Psalm 98:1-4
Gospel John 14:7-14



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

April 26 Second Collection

Catholic Home Missions Appeal

May 2 Rummage Sale

8 am-3pm. All proceeds to the Youth Scholarship Fund.

May 3 First Holy Communion

Brayden Doering
Rowyn Rucinski
Tobias Smith

Second Collection

Cemetery Fund

Potluck

Following Mass.

May Serving Crew

Shelly Fredriksen, Ruth Walters

May 8 Corsage Making

Mother's Day Corsage assembly, St. Joseph's Church, Bagley. 6:30 pm.

May 17 Second Collection

Catholic Communications/Catholic University



Mass Intentions

MASS INTENTIONS

For Healing For

Clark Chambers

by John & Deb Heineman

PLEASE NOTE

If your birthday or anniversary did not appear in the bulletin, this is not an oversight. Anyone who did not request this information to be included in the bulletin on their parish registration form is not included. Please check with Shelly Fredriksen to make sure your information is up to date.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

• April 30 •

ROGER REESE

• May 1 •

ROSE LARSON

FINANCES

April 19, 2026

General Account

Children.....\$36.00
Adults.....\$1,349.75
Loose.....\$260.00
Doughnuts – None KC bkfst.....\$0.00
Mailed.....\$20.00

Cemetery Account

Donations.....\$75.00

Youth Scholarship Account

Donation.....\$50.00

MOTHER'S DAY CORSAGES

On Friday May 8th at 6:30 pm, at St. Joseph's Church in Bagley, will be making Mother's Day Corsages. 60 have been ordered for Sacred Heart this year. If anyone would like to help, you are more than welcome. The more help, the sooner the work is done. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Shafer at (218) 968-2488.

KC'S WALLEYE CLASSIC

Stephen Aultman will be selling Knight of Columbus Walleye Classic tickets after mass. Tickets are \$10.00 each for a chance at a boat, motor and trailer package worth \$38,439.00, 1 drawing for \$1,000, 1 drawing for \$500.00, 2 drawings for \$250.00, 15 drawings for \$100.00 and 5 drawings for a 1/2 day guided fishing trip. Drawing on June 13th, need not be present to win.



Ministries

APRIL 26

Greeters.....Ann Illies
Altar Server.....Joseph Smith
Announcers & Readers.....Josie Proulx
Lois Jenkins, John Carrlson
Ushers.....John Trammell
John Sorensen
Eucharistic Ministers.....Theresa Wilander
Evie Johnson, Carol Bjelland

MAY 3

Greeters.....Lorraine Galland
Altar Server.....Brenalen Fredriksen-Holm
Announcers & Readers.....Ann Illies
Vange Anderson, James Sparke
Ushers.....Karl Oestreich
Zach Thoma
Eucharistic Ministers.....Kathy Carrlson
Lorraine Galland, John Trammell,

MAY 10

Greeters.....Jim Sparke
Altar Server.....Teagan Rucinski
Announcers & Readers.....Gloria Collyard
Vange Anderson, Lois Jenkins
Ushers.....Theresa Wilander
Carol Bjelland
Eucharistic Ministers.....Richard Anderson
Karen Shafer, Mary Sorensen

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

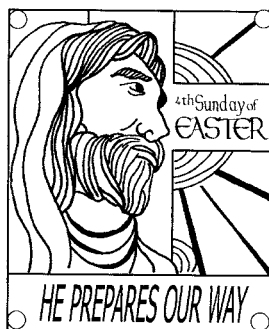
The person who is listed first in the bulletin should bring the ciborium from the tabernacle to the altar and offer the body of Christ to those coming for communion. The other two listed should offer the cup with the Blood of Christ.

- **Eucharistic Ministers, please remember to gather the vessels after Mass and clean them for the next week in the Sacristy.**
- **The Eucharistic Minister who brings the eucharist from the tabernacle to the altar is responsible for returning the key for the tabernacle to the sacristy.**

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Reminder: please notify Ruth when loved ones no longer need to be on our prayer list.

Jim Aakre
Barb Arbuckle
Sandra Brown
Clark Chambers
Kristy Christianson
Curt Connelly
Bill Downs
Alys Ann Edwards
Blake Edwards
Harriet Elsberd
Dennis Enright
Sophia Forchass
Briggs Geisen
Brandi Green
Brandon Hart
Ed Haskell
Johanna Heineman
Harlan Johnson
Van Johnson
Whitey Kloepfner
Rosie Larson
Mike Lien
Margie Lisak
Kay Lisak-Buck
Julianne Little
Lydia
Seth & Lochlan McClusky
Brody Moen
Delores Orth
Elizabeth Parthun
Joe Raiter
Janice Renner
Lubchek Ryzhyy
Bernice Sauve
Larry Schmidt
Cathy Simenson
Kevin Smethers
Calvin Smith
John Sorensen
John Swanson
Debbie Theis Miller
Katie Van Der Meer
Gary Vold
Ross Walters
Madonna Welter
Gary Wendleing



Wilton, 56687
Annual Rummage & Bake Sale
135 3rd St. NW
Sacred Heart Church
May 2nd, 2026
8AM to 2PM
All proceeds will go to our Youth Scholarship fund.

RUMMAGE SALE

The Sacred Heart Church Annual Rummage and Bake Sale will take place on May 2, 2026 from 8am to 3pm. All proceeds go to the Youth Scholarship fund. You may start to bring in your donations right away. All donations can be put in Classroom #4. Please make sure all clothing is clean, and all appliances/items are in working order. If you have larger items, please bring in the week of the sale. We have to be mindful of other events that will be happening in the Social Hall leading up to the sale date. Arrange special drop offs with Jennifer Trammell. Baked goods will need to be brought in either on Friday during set up or the Saturday of the sale.

There will be sign up sheets available soon requesting volunteers for set up of the sale, during the sale and then clean up after the sale along with people to bring in baked goods.

If you have extra plastic shopping bags, please bring them in as well.

Please reach out to Jennifer Trammell if you have any questions 218-556-5945

CHURCHES UNITED SPECIAL EMERGENCY MEETING

Churches United will be holding a special emergency meeting in Classroom 2, of Mt. Zion Church, on Monday, April 20, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for the purpose of electing individuals to fill the following positions: Board Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary. Please enter the building through door #7 (the 5th street entrance).

Both our Board Chair and Vice-Chair resigned prior to our annual meeting. Our current Board Secretary resigned at the annual meeting. It is very important to the operations of Churches United that these positions be filled soon.

SCHOLARSHIP

Bemidji Chapter EX is seeking applications. For more information see Polly or visit: <https://peoscholarshipbemidji.weeb>

CALLING FOR SUBMISSIONS FOR A
\$2,000 SCHOLARSHIP
from PEO Chapter EX

APPLICATION DEADLINE: **April 30, 2026**
Visit peoscholarshipbemidji.weebly.com



ALL ARE INVITED: DIVINE RENOVATION MINISTRY AT ST. PHILIP'S, BEMIDJI ON MAY 5

Matt Regitz and Fr. Nick Desimone from Divine Renovation will be speaking to our priests during their annual Spring Priests Convocation May 4-7. They will also present an evening address for the lay faithful on Tuesday, May 5, from 7:00 – 8:15 p.m. at St. Philip's Catholic Church in Bemidji.

Matt and Fr. Nick will offer a focused synopsis of the themes guiding the priests' convocation. Drawing from their sessions on missionary conversion and pastoral planning, Matt and Fr. Nick will share how renewal is not merely about structural change, but about spiritual conversion and new life. Through Fr. Nick's practical witness of leading renewal in parish life and Matt's articulation of the vision and the "3 Keys" of parish renewal, the evening event will encourage parishioners to see this moment as an invitation to deeper prayer, courageous leadership, and hopeful participation in the evangelizing mission of the Church. No RSVP necessary!

JOIN BISHOP COZZENS FOR ADORATION AT THE CAPITOL ON MAY 1

Bishop Andrew Cozzens will be leading Adoration at the Capitol on May 1. He will be praying with other adorers for our lawmakers and the impactful decisions they are making for the common good of Minnesota.
When: Friday, May 1, 2026, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Where: Minnesota State Capitol Vault
More info: Visit mncatholic.org/adoration to RSVP and receive a free parking pass.

Sunday, Apr 26, 2026

Hope beyond hope

One of the greatest gifts that comes with the knowledge of Christ's death and Resurrection is hope. Christians live free from existential fears of meaninglessness and extinction because Christ showed us that our lives have eternal purpose: To love and serve God and others. The vocation that is right for you is the one that enables you in your own unique way to follow the call of love and service most joyfully.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER; GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY; WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Peter 2:20b-25; John 10:1-10 (49). *"I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly."*

Monday, Apr 27, 2026

Pure grace

The notion of what is "clean" and "unclean" is very important in Judaism, especially among Orthodox Jews. Purification rituals are observed for various occasions, and many of them require the ritual washing of the hands, or at times a full immersion. Early Christianity had to struggle with questions of purity as it grew and encountered the Gentile world. Some say that Baptism represents a form of ritual purification adapted from Judaism, and that even the dipping of fingertips in holy water upon entering church is part of that tradition. The apostle Peter helped the Early Church move beyond a narrow definition of purity. Spend some time today reflecting on what helps you feel "clean and pure" spirituality, and then practice it.

EASTER WEEKDAY

Acts 11:1-18; John 10:11-18 (279). *"What God has made clean, you are not to call profane."*

Tuesday, Apr 28, 2026

How to define the Word

In today's reading the Jewish leaders ask Jesus to be straight with them: Are you or are you not the Messiah? Jesus says he's answered the question and they chose not to believe. In essence, Jesus says, "Every part of my mission screams savior." But Jesus is a man of metaphor. For Jesus, words are directly related to love. Words and deeds go hand in hand. If you aren't living out his saving mission, then you will have a difficult time recognizing the meaning and truth behind his teachings. Follow Jesus in deed, and his words will become easier to understand.

EASTER WEEKDAY

Acts 11:19-26; John 10:22-30 (280). *"If you are the Christ, tell us plainly."*

Wednesday, Apr 29, 2026

Bringing truth and love to light

Saint Catherine of Siena (1347-80) was a fearless defender of the faith and papacy during fractious times. When declaring her a doctor of the church in 1970, Pope Paul VI referred to Catherine's unique "charism of exhortation," which is to say she never minced words. She sent copious letters to church officials and monarchs across Europe offering a piece of her mind. She berated cardinals for treachery, urged Pope Gregory XI not to be a coward, and told Pope Urban VI to control his temper. Catherine's spirituality centers on self-knowledge as the path to love and truth. Heed her advice and spend time in honest self-

reflection, which, says Catherine, allows you to know God's goodness toward you, and "upon knowledge follows love."

MEMORIAL OF CATHERINE OF SIENA, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Acts 12:24-13:5a; John 12:44-50 (281). *"I came into the world as light."*

Thursday, Apr 30, 2026

Home-grown forgiveness

Home cooking is great, but sometimes we are hurt the worst by the folks who share food at our table. Our spouses, our siblings, our children, and our grandchildren often betray the family trust and cause us pain that's hard to forgive. Yet there is within us the presence of the one who carried the cross of our own sinfulness. Just as Jesus forgave his closest disciples, those who betrayed him, denied him, and abandoned him in his hour of need, we have the power to forgive our family members for their offenses against us. "Sometimes 'plates fly,'" said Pope Francis about family life, "but if love is real, then peace is made quickly." Indeed, peace, like charity, begins at home.

EASTER WEEKDAY

Acts 13:13-25; John 13:16-20 (282). *"The one who ate my food has raised his heel against me."*

Friday, May 01, 2026

The winding path of faith

The apostles didn't know who they were destined to be when they began to follow Jesus. The same could be said of all of us who start down the path of faith with faltering and uncertain steps. Maybe someday we'll be part of the canon of saints like Thomas, who up to the Last Supper was still asking Jesus where this road was headed. Obviously it had yet to occur to him that he would be one of the 12 founders of our apostolic tradition. Nor can we imagine who we might become if we continue on this faith journey. Saint Angela Merici has some advice that might help us plan our course: "Do now—do *now*—what you'll wish you had done when your moment comes to die."

EASTER WEEKDAY

Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6 (283). *"Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?"*

Saturday, May 02, 2026

Stand firm

Saint Athanasius was the fourth-century bishop of Alexandria, an important city in Egypt. He is best known for his opposition to the Arian heresy, which denied the full divinity of Christ. In taking this stand, Athanasius faced opposition by many within the church and incurred the wrath of emperors, who banished him five times. He spent a total of 17 years in exile. His courageous witness gave rise to the expression *Athanasius contra mundum*: "Athanasius against the world." When you take a stand against misinformation and moral error, you may share in the pain of persecution. In those moments remember these encouraging words attributed to Athanasius: "No one, ever, will prevail against your faith."

MEMORIAL OF ATHANASIUS, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Acts 13:44-52; John 14:7-14 (284). *"Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me."*

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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03.15.2026 Pastoral Council Meeting

- **Youth Scholarship**

Council is working on guidelines for distribution of funds. The rummage sale proceeds will go to the Youth Scholarship Account.
- **Expand Website Opportunities**

Discussion about updating website.
- **Parking**

Discussion regarding the need for more parking.
- **Discussion of Questions sent to Council from a Parishioner**
 - **Reuse of spaces and cleaning (kitchen and ductwork)**

More discussion needed on this. Get estimates on professional cleaning for the kitchen and ducts.
 - **Roof & Sound in Social Hall**

The roof is 25 years old and in need of some repair/maintenance. Looking at replacing the roof in the fall. Due to the flooring tile and the way sound echos off of the walls, the social hall is going to be loud.
 - **Storage Building**

Question about items stored in this building and why they are there. More discussion about this is needed.
 - **Nursery/Family Quiet Room**

The changing table should be updated.
 - **Landscaping on the East Side of the Church**

Request to do something for the pollinators and beauty. No resolution at this time.
 - **Cemetery and Fence Line**

Request that the trees along the fence line to be pruned, the monuments to be tidied up and the Fall Dinner sign to be stored elsewhere. Looking into a professional for tree removal and checking with Fall Dinner coordinators about sign storage.
 - **Membership**

Parishioner would like to see the “Living Faith” Children’s edition for growing children available and would also like welcome signs on the front door or windows, bulletins in a mailbox type of thing for people to drive up and take. Would like to see posters put up at local businesses and in residential areas welcoming people to Sacred Heart. Would also like the church to decorate outside and help the village of Wilton pay for seasonal banners and lights. More discussion on this, however, the bulletins are available via the church website.
 - **Welcome Dinner**

Welcome dinner/lunch on the first Sunday of the month to welcome all new folks and members? Welcome table on wheels, mixed use cabinet of goods and services? No resolution at this time.
 - **What is the Policy on styrofoam and all purchased goods?**
 - **Where is the Operating Manual for this space and place?**
 - **Approvals of Space Use**

Any changes to worship space and liturgy are to be discussed. Non-worship events in the social hall are also brought to the Council for discussion.



Thank You Knights of Columbus



The Pancake Breakfast Was Delicious

