



Sacred Heart Catholic Community of Wilton

July 26 2026 • Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH COMMUNITY

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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.

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LITURGY

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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.

7/26/26

Reading I 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130

Reading II Romans 8:28-30

Gospel Matthew 13:44-52

7/27/26

Reading I Jeremiah 13:1-11

Responsorial Psalm Deuteronomy 32:18-21

Gospel Matthew 13:31-35

7/28/26

Reading I Jeremiah 14:17-22

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 79:8, 9, 11 & 13

Gospel Matthew 13:36-43

7/29/26

Reading I Jeremiah 15:10, 16-21

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 59:2-4, 10-11, 17, 18

Gospel John 11:19-27

7/30/26

Reading I Jeremiah 18:1-6

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 146:1B-6ab

Gospel Matthew 13:47-53

7/31/26

Reading I Jeremiah 26:1-9

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 69:5, 8-10, 14

Gospel Matthew 13:54-58

8/1/26

Reading I Jeremiah 26:11-16, 24

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34

Gospel Matthew 14:1-12



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

August 2 Second Collection

Capital Improvements

Potluck

Following Mass.

August Serving Crew

August 7 Memorial Service •

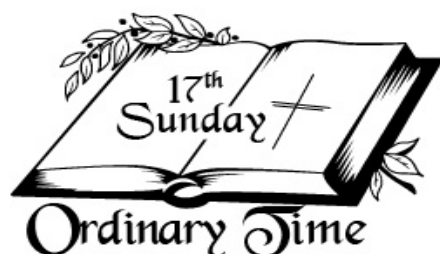
Clark Chambers

11:00 am, St. Philip's

September 19 Fall Dinner Prep

September 20 88th Annual Fall Dinner

11 am-2 pm



Mass Intentions

MASS INTENTIONS

In Memory Of

Brent Holm

by the Fredriksen-Holm Family

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.

SAFE ENVIRONMENTS RETREAT

Please join us for our upcoming Safe Environment Retreat on Thursday, August 6, 2026.

To RSVP Safe Environment Retreat by August 1, 2026

Event Agenda & Highlights

Time: 9:30 am – 2:00 pm

Where: Pastoral Center

Mass and Adoration

Expert guest speaker focusing on Human Trafficking awareness

New Faith Formation and Circle of Grace training information

Lunch will be provided

CURSILLOS

Would you like to deepen your faith and let Jesus become more involved in your life? Let the Spirit lead you on a Cursillo. The Diocese of Crookston is offering a Women's Cursillo on the weekend of September 24-27 and the Men's Cursillo on the weekend of October 22-25 and the at the Nazareth Retreat House in Crookston. Applications are available at <https://crookstoncursillo.weebly.com/>.



WELCOME!

Today we welcome Sebastian Shindler, son of Symon and Alyssa, into our faith community, through the waters of baptism.



JULY 26

Greeters.....Lorraine Galland

Altar Server.....Parker Fuller

Announcers & Readers.....Vange Anderson

Megan Fuller, Ann Illies

Ushers.....Karl Oestreich

Zach Thoma

Eucharistic Ministers.....Karen Shafer

Stephanie Downey, Carol Bjelland

AUGUST 2

Greeters.....Ann Illies

Altar Server.....Joseph Smith

Announcers & Readers.....Lois Jenkins

John Carrlson, Jim Sparke

Ushers.....Theresa Wilander

Carol Bjelland

Eucharistic Ministers.....Evie Johnson

Mary Sorensen, Theresa Wilander

AUGUST 9

Greeters.....Lorraine Galland

Altar Server.....John Carrlson

Announcers & Readers.....Joe Rucinski

Josie Proulx, Ann Illies

Ushers.....John Trammell

John Sorensen

Eucharistic Ministers.....Kathy Carrlson

John Trammell, Lorraine Galland

EUCCHARISTIC 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.**

ATTENTION - FOOD SHELF VOLUNTEERS

All Sacred Heart Food Shelf Volunteers are invited to attend an Ice Cream Social at the Bemidji Food Shelf on Sunday August 16, 2026 from 1 to 3 o'clock. The Food Shelf is a non-profit organization reliant on community and parish volunteers to operate effectively. We have an awesome group of faithful hard working volunteers from Sacred Heart that are representing our parish well. Thanks to Polly, Mardelle, Evie, Carol, Greg & Gretchen, Doris & Andy, Richard & Vangie, Irma, Theresa, Lisa, Gloria and Jim & Darlene. Recent summer helpers were Meghan & Elizabeth. God Bless you all,
Coordinator, Josie

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
Kristy Christianson
Curt Connelly
Bill Downs
Alys Ann Edwards
Blake Edwards
Harriet Elsberd
Dennis Enright
Marty Fallon
Sophia Forchass
Lorraine Galland
Briggs Geisen
Brandi Green
Lisa Hand
Brandon Hart
Johanna Heineman
Harlan Johnson
Van Johnson
Whitey Kloepfner
Rosie Larson
Mike Lien
Margie Lisak
Kay Lisak-Buck
Julianne Little
Rick Ludtke
Lydia
Kate Mayo
Seth & Lochlan McClusky
Brody Moen
Delores Orth
Elizabeth Parthun
Joe Raiter
Janice Renner
Lubchek Ryzhy
Larry Schmidt
Cathy Simenson
Kevin Smethers
Calvin Smith
John Sorensen
John Swanson
Peggy Thayer
Debbie Theis Miller
Katie Van Der Meer
Gary Vold
Madonna Welter

A vibrant poster for the Solway Lutheran Church 4th Annual Carnival Bazaar. The poster has a red border with a scalloped edge and is decorated with colorful confetti and streamers. At the top, there are three red and white striped tents. The main text is on a teal background with a red border. The event is scheduled for Saturday, August 1st, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The poster lists various activities: Walking Tacos, Corn Dogs, Root Beer Floats, Country Store, Games, Face Painting, Cake Walk, Prize Bingo, Train Rides, Pony Rides, Jail, Cookie Decorating, Crafts, and more! It also includes a registration information for vendors: To register as a vendor, call Cindy at 218-760-5967; no charge.

SOLWAY LUTHERAN CHURCH
4th Annual
CARNIVAL BAZAAR

Saturday, August 1st, 2026
11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Walking Tacos, Corn Dogs, Root Beer Floats,
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A poster for the Alpha program. It features a large red 'A' logo. The text says 'ALPHA Come for dinner. Stay for the conversation.' Below this, it lists the benefits: FREE DINNER, SHORT VIDEO, and HONEST CONVERSATION. It also mentions 'Explore life's biggest questions in a welcoming, no-pressure environment.' The event is held on Mondays from September 14 to November 16, 6:00 - 8:00 PM, at St. Philip's Catholic Church Social Hall. It is free for adults 18 and over. A QR code is provided for registration, and a note says 'Invite a friend! Everyone is welcome.' The poster ends with 'REGISTER TODAY!' and a tagline: 'Questions. Faith. Meaning. You're not alone. WE'D LOVE TO SEE YOU THERE!'

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Sunday, Jul 26, 2026

It's kind of like . . .

Jesus mentions the kingdom of heaven 38 times in Matthew's gospel. Clearly he wants us to understand exactly what it is. Yet the kingdom is mysterious; it is not something that can be defined once and for all. The best Jesus can do is to describe what it is like, not what it is. The kingdom is like a treasure buried in a field . . . it is like a merchant searching for valuable pearls. In other words, the kingdom of heaven is both that which we find and that which is searching to find us. Hmm. Jesus wants to know if his disciples understand. Today would be a good day to contemplate the kingdom of heaven so that our answer, like that of the disciples, will be "yes."

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12; Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 13:44-52 (109).

"Do you understand all these things?" They answered, "Yes."

Monday, Jul 27, 2026

Deep dive into mystery

Similes, metaphors, parables, all are literary techniques used to describe the indescribable: the ineffable, intimate, and uniquely personal relationship God has with each of his beloved creatures. God is close to us as clothes on a body; God is the vine and we are the branches; God's kingdom is the tiny seed that grows into the largest plant that provides life, comfort, and shelter for all. Try as we might through every literary device, we will never fully comprehend the mystery, but we will find great purpose in trying. "You are a mystery as deep as the sea," says the great mystic Saint Catherine of Siena. "The more I search, the more I find, and the more I find the more I search for you. . . . In our hunger you are a satisfying food, for you are sweetness and in you there is no taste of bitterness, O triune God!"

Jeremiah 13:1-11; Matthew 13:31-35 (401). "For, as close as the loincloth clings to a man's loins, so had I made the whole house of Israel."

Tuesday, Jul 28, 2026

Tune in to the word

Jesus never wastes words in the gospels, but we know he wants to make absolutely sure we are paying attention when he concludes his comments with "whoever has ears ought to hear." Jesus knows that we humans have a tendency to tune in and out of our surroundings. Sometimes we are so captivated by our thoughts—last night's conversation, a repeating song fragment, the stories we continually tell ourselves about the past and future—that although we believe we're listening, and have every intention of listening, we aren't really listening. Make the decision today to pay attention to your thoughts. Are you tuned in or out of your surroundings most of the time? "Listen in silence," says Saint Teresa of Calcutta, "because if your heart is full of other things you cannot hear the voice of God."

Jeremiah 14:17-22; Matthew 13:36-43 (402). "Whoever has ears ought to hear."

Wednesday, Jul 29, 2026

Imperfect family reveals perfect faith

The siblings Martha, Mary, and Lazarus together give us a full portrait of faithfulness. As a family, they try to support one another in their witness, though they sometimes fall short. Who can forget Martha's complaint that Mary was too busy hanging on Jesus' every word to help in the kitchen? Yet Martha redeems herself when she seeks Jesus' help in bringing her brother back to life.

Each family member reveals an important lesson about how to receive Jesus in friendship: Martha offers hospitality, Mary listens attentively to Jesus, and Lazarus follows Jesus' commands—even to the point of rising from death itself. How do you welcome Jesus into your life?

MEMORIAL OF MARTHA, MARY, AND LAZARUS

Jeremiah 15:10, 16-21; John 11:19-27 or Luke 10:38-42

(403/607). "Even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you."

Thursday, Jul 30, 2026

Cultivate a discerning heart

This time of year, peaches in the market may look delicious, yet we have all tasted some that were flavorless. Too often, we focus on externals and fail to consider what lies at the core of a person, philosophy, religion, or promise. For Christians, this is why the practice of discernment is essential. We must take time to uncover the truth about ourselves and the world around us through prayer, spiritual reading, and wise counsel. The more we seek God, the more likely we are to recognize what is true, good, and worthy of our embrace. Let the words of Saint Ignatius of Loyola guide you: "Our only desire and our one choice should be this: I want and I choose what better leads to God's deepening life in me."

Jeremiah 18:1-6; Matthew 13:47-53 (404). "The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous."

Friday, Jul 31, 2026

To give, and not to count the cost

If you did not have a horse in the 16th century, you walked to get where you were going. You had to be sure your destination was worth it, because it was going to take significant time and effort to get there. That was particularly true for Saint Ignatius of Loyola (1491-1556), who had a severe limp from a war injury. It was during his recovery from battle that he went through a conversion. Ignatius chose to live a life of poverty and become a pilgrim of God seeking enlightenment. As he walked, he pursued his studies, preached, and provided spiritual direction. He eventually made his way to Rome to put his newly minted group, later to become the Jesuits, at the service of the pope. Pray for the clarity of mission Ignatius was blessed to receive.

MEMORIAL OF IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, PRIEST

Jeremiah 26:1-9; Matthew 13:54-58 (405). "Whatever I command you, tell them, and omit nothing."

Saturday, Aug 01, 2026

Live in the moment

When Saint Alphonsus (1696-1787) was a bright young lawyer, he made a critical mistake in a case, and his law career was ruined. He later became a priest and founded the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer. For the rest of his life, he endured conflicts within the order and with the government, even while being recognized for his intellect and compassion. When he was 85, he was tricked into signing a rule for the order that contained elements he did not support. As a result, the community was divided, and Alphonsus was at odds with the congregation he had founded. Though the Redemptorists emerged from their troubles later, Alphonsus did not live to see it. But in his wisdom, Alphonsus wrote: "The past is no longer yours; the future is not yet in your power. You have only the present wherein to do good."

MEMORIAL OF ALPHONSUS LIGUORI, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Jeremiah 26:11-16, 24; Matthew 14:1-12 (406). "Reform your ways and your deeds; listen to the voice of the LORD."

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



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Best

The Confirmation Class

Shelby Doris

Elizabeth Fuller

Westin Peterson

Teagan Rucinski

Eddy Smith



Plus

John Carrlson

and Teachers

Kathy Carrlson

& Melissa Philips



Made the
Fall Dinner Sign Visible,
re-painted the Handicap Spots,
& touched-up the
Wishing Well.

Thank-You!

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING NOTES

Pastorial Council Meeting was held on Sunday June 19th at 10:00 AM.

Father John Christianson, Jennifer Trammell, Symon Schindler, Joe Rucinski, and Richard Anderson were present for the meeting.

We welcomed Joe to the meeting as one of the new council members. Teresa Wilander will also be serving on the council but was absent.

Symon has offered to be the Chair for the Council.

It has been noted that the minutes from the last meeting were not recorded and it could be due to some confusion as to who was responsible for writing the minutes. We will need to further discuss in September when Mary and Ruth are present at the meeting to make a definite decision on who will take over that duty.

A discussion was had in regards to responsibilities of being a council member. In particular, the importance of being present for meetings. If there would be a policy in place for only a specific reason for absence, or a certain number of meetings missed before being removed from Council. We will further discuss this in September.

There was discussion at our meeting about the rearrangement of rooms but it had been tabled to this July meeting. We will table until September to get more information. There has already been a few items moved. In particular the copier was re-located and that it existed in has been filled with items to be used in the church environment. Joe mentioned we do a space analysis to see if these rooms can be shared and it was brought up if we need to move the office into the room with the copier to free up that space.

Carol Bjelland will be taking over the duties of creating the environment in Candy's absence.

The items that have been used in the past for the environment will need to be gone through, evaluated for purpose and discarded if needed. Father John will work with Carol on this.

Update to the Roof project:

We were required to get a 2nd bid and the company that was working on this bid noticed to them it looked as our roof did have storm damage from last years storm. We have then contacted insurance regarding the repair and will need to wait to hear back before we can proceed with the project. Tabled until September.

This brought up further discussion of the existing trees that are in close proximity to the church and if we should have them evaluated for being removed. Joe will work with Chris Agnes on this. Chris was working to get a few of the widow maker trees removed this Spring and need an update from him on the project/quote.

The parking lot definitely is getting over crowded which is a GREAT thing! We will want to start planning for a budget for a future project to expand it . Will table until September.

Council approves to proceed with the Fall Dinner this September. Jennifer will reach out to Molly to see how the progress is going and that we can get enough volunteers to have the 2026 Dinner.

A few items from the last meeting to follow up on and present to the finance department for approval of purchase.

A baby changing table in the Family Room. Jennifer will get a few options and prices to present to the finance committee for approval to purchase

Chris was working on getting a quote for a few rolling carts for our tables out in the shed. These would need the thicker tires to be rolled from shed to the church.

Next Council meeting will be on September 27th after church 10AM