



Sacred Heart Catholic Community of Wilton

August 23, 2026 • Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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
walters56601@gmail.com

Please call or email bulletin info by 7:00 pm on Thursdays.
If you wish to receive the bulletins via email, please contact
Ruth Walters at walters56601@gmail.com.

CEMETERY

Shelly Fredriksen (218) 556-8023
Richard Anderson..... (218) 467-3275

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

Ann Illies..... (218) 751-9254
Lois Jenkins (218) 444-8140
Carol Bjelland..... (218) 760-1046

MAINTENANCE ADVISOR

Christopher Agnes..... (218) 401-4116

MUSIC MINISTERS

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

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Joe Rucinski
Symon Schindler-Syme
Mary Sorenson..... (218) 368-7895
Jennifer Trammell..... (218) 556-5945
Ruth Walters (218) 308-1265
Theresa Wilander
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

8:30 am prior to Mass.

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.

8/23/26

Reading I Isaiah 22:19-23

Resp. Psalm Psalm 138:1-3, 6, 8

Reading II Romans 11:33-36

Gospel Matthew 16:13-20

8/24/26

Reading I Revelation 21:9b-14

Resp. Psalm Psalm 145:10-13, 17-18

Gospel John 1:45-51

8/25/26

Reading I 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3a, 14-17

Resp. Psalm Psalm 96:10-13

Gospel Matthew 23:23-26

8/26/26

Reading I 2 Thessalonians 3:6-10, 16-18

Resp. Psalm Psalm 128:1-2, 4-5

Gospel Matthew 23:27-32

8/27/26

Reading I 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Resp. Psalm Psalm 145:2-7

Gospel Matthew 24:42-51

8/28/26

Reading I 1 Corinthians 1:17-25

Resp. Psalm Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11

Gospel Matthew 25:1-13

8/29/26

Reading I 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Resp. Psalm Psalm 33:12-13, 18-21

Gospel Mark 6:17-29



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

August 30 Baby Shower for Myla Vavrina & Sebastian Schindler
10:30 am

September 6 Second Collection
Capital Improvements

Potluck
Following Mass.

September Serving Crew
Millie Lundberg, Karen Shafer, Jean Chambers

September 19 Fall Dinner Prep

September 20 88th Annual Fall Dinner
11 am-2 pm

October 4 Children's Liturgy of the Word



Mass Intentions

MASS INTENTIONS

For healing for

Lydia

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!

• August 26 •

JOE RUCINSKI

• August 27 •

ROSEMARIE WEBER



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

• August 18 •

JOHN & KATHY CARRLSON

• August 22 •

MIKE & ROSEMARIE WEBER

ANNUAL FALL DINNER

*Volunteer sign-up sheets are in the social hall.

The 88th Annual Chicken & Ham Dinner will be on Sunday, Sept. 20, 2026.

We will feature crafts for the bazaar and a bake sale. Donations of clean produce are welcome too. We will need volunteers on Sat. Sept. 20 for food prep.

The Bazaar ladies ask that craft items be brought in by Sept. 13, if possible.

*Please save your ice cream buckets and lids for our food scraps.

Our dinner is just 4 weeks away.

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN

Liturgy of the Word with Children will begin October 4th. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please contact Kirsten Trammell.



AUGUST 23

Greeters.....Lorraine Galland

Altar Server.....Teagan Rucinski

Announcers & Readers.....Molly Vollbrecht

Lois Jenkins, Jim Sparke

Ushers.....Theresa Wilander

Carol Bjelland

Eucharistic Ministers.....Theresa Wilander

Mary Sorensen, Ruth Walters

AUGUST 30

Greeters.....Ann Illies

Altar Server.....Parker Fuller

Announcers & Readers.....Deb Heineman

Joe Rucinski, Josie Proulx

Ushers.....John Trammell

John Sorensen

Eucharistic Ministers.....Lorraine Galland

John Trammell, Kathy Carrlson

SEPTEMBER 6

Greeters.....Lorraine Galland

Altar Server.....Teagan Rucinski

Announcers & Readers.....Ann Illies

Molly Vollbrecht, John Carrlson

Ushers.....Karl Oestreich

Zach Thoma

Eucharistic Ministers.....Theresa Wilander

Stephanie Downey, Karen Shafer

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.**

PE/INTERVENTIONIST TEACHER

St Mary's Mission School in Red Lake is hiring a PE/Interventionist teacher for the 2026-2027 school year. The position can be full or part time. We offer competitive wages and full benefits. For more information about the position, please contact Alyssa Schindler at principal@stmarysmision.org

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 Kloeppner
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

CURSILLOS

Starting to make plans for fall? Consider signing up for Cursillo. The women's Cursillo is September 24-27 and the men's Cursillo is October 22-25. Both will be held at the Crookston Pastoral Center. This three-day retreat is an encounter with oneself, with Christ, and with others. It also focuses on living Christianity in all environments. Applications can be found on the Crookston Cursillo website.

A Double Baby Shower



Myla Vavrina

Daughter of
Heidi & Cody

For
Our
Youngest
Members



Sebastian Schindeler

Son of
Symon & Alyssa

Sunday, August 30 at 10:30

WE WELCOME INTO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY BABY MYLA AND BABY SEBASTIAN

Here is the link to the baby registry for Myla: <https://my.babylist.com/heidi-krueger>

Baby Sebastian is registered at: <https://www.target.com/gift-registry/gift/SSMinnow>

FINANCES

August 9, 2026

General Account

Children.....	\$5.00
Adults.....	\$1,140.00
Loose.....	\$183.00
Doughnuts.....	\$34.25
Mailed.....	\$40.00

Youth Scholarship

Donation.....	\$30.00
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Capital Improvement Account

Collection.....	\$40.00
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August 16, 2026

General Account

Children.....	\$8.00
Adults.....	\$1,454.00
Loose.....	\$183.00
Doughnuts.....	\$47.00

Cemetery Fund

Donation.....	\$50.00
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CATHOLIC MEN

If you are a catholic man over 18 years of age and are looking to strengthening your faith the Knights of Columbus are here to support you. The Knights of Columbus are based on three (3) principles, Charity, Unity and Fraternity, which are the first three degrees for a Knight. An Exemplification to become a Knight will be held on Saturday September 19, 2026 at St. Philips Church in Bemidji, MN. Registration for the first three (3) Degrees will be from 8:30 to 9:00 with the Degree Exemplification beginning at 9:00 am. Contact your Grand Knight, Financial Secretary or any member of your council to find out more about the Knights and complete the Membership Application form.

For Third Degree Knights in Good standing there will be a Patriotic (4th) Degree Exemplification on Saturday September 19, 2026 At St. Philips Church in Bemidji MN. 4th Degree Knights, Sir Knights, provide Honor Guards for Eucharistic Celebrations and support for our Priest in many ways. Registration for the 4th Degree will be from 9:00 to 9:45 am and the Exemplification will be from 10:00 to 11:45 am. Lunch will be served at noon. If interested in becoming a Sir Knight you can contact a 4th degree Knight in your parish, Dale Johnson, at 320-221-3742 or dalea.johnson@icloud.com or Dan Shea at 218-760-6616 or danielhshea@paulbunyan.net. Candidates will be able to do all four (4) degrees that morning.

Who do you say that I am?
Christ
the Son of the Living God

Sunday, Aug 23, 2026

The big question we need to answer

You might remember or have heard of the 1950s game show “The \$64,000 Question.” If contestants answered questions correctly, they won more and more money, culminating in a shot at the \$64,000 question. Two millennia earlier Jesus asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” After they had reported the theories that were floating around, he asked them the first-century version of the \$64,000 question: “Who do you say that I am?”—with the emphasis on *you*. Quick, before the clock runs out: What would be your answer?

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 22:19-23; Romans 11:33-36; Matthew 16:13-20 (121).

“Simon Peter said in reply, ‘You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.’”

Monday, Aug 24, 2026

Labor for the Kingdom

All we know for sure about Saint Bartholomew is that he went East, probably as far as India, to spread the gospel. Armenia was his last stop, where he was flayed or crucified or maybe both. His discipleship and missionary zeal are traits worthy of remembering and passing on from generation to generation. He is the working person’s saint—patron of skilled laborers—who helped build God’s kingdom by his sweat and blood. With summer drawing to a close, it is a good time to recommit to throwing your whole self—body and soul—into God’s work of bringing Good News to the poor and his promise of justice and mercy to all.

FEAST OF BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE

Revelation 21:9b-14; John 1:45-51 (629). *“Here is a true child of Israel. There is no duplicity in him.”*

Tuesday, Aug 25, 2026

It’s time for a serious talk

The true battles of our hearts seldom make for good conversation. The poet W. H. Auden hit squarely on this point when he wrote, “To hear people talk, you would think that in their free time they were concerned with nothing but sex, prestige, and money. But the very readiness with which we frankly discuss such matters is a sign that they are not our serious concern.” What, then, are our serious concerns? Auden might say alienation and isolation. Christ, through his radical outreach to people on the margins, seems to agree. But Jesus goes even deeper and sees that our most serious concern is that we are unloved, unlovable, or incapable of love. That is why his message of God’s unconditional love is such good news. Our fears may not make for interesting conversation, but God’s Good News is always worth discussing.

2 Thessalonians 2:1-3a, 14-17; Matthew 23:23-26 (426).

“Blind guides, who strain out the gnat and swallow the camel!”

Wednesday, Aug 26, 2026

Make time for yourself

Hypocrisy is the “practice of claiming to have moral standards or beliefs to which one’s own behavior does not conform.” Jesus made it clear that he had no patience with such duplicity. Saint Simeon explains why we often fall into this trap: “We judge our neighbor because we make no effort to get to know ourselves.

The one who seeks to know himself, his shortcomings, sins and transgressions, has no time to see them in the neighbor.” Spend time getting to know yourself better—the good and bad. You’ll end up more accepting of yourself and others.

2 Thessalonians 3:6-10, 16-18; Matthew 23:27-32 (427). *“On the outside you appear righteous, but inside you are filled with hypocrisy and evildoing.”*

Thursday, Aug 27, 2026

The Kingdom is yours for the taking

In the early days of the church, many—maybe most—Christians expected Jesus to fulfill his promise to come back soon, maybe in their lifetimes. For people today, 2,000 years out, the anticipation may have retreated to a dim expectation. We’ve grown used to thinking Christ will fully establish the Kingdom in some far-off future. But the truth is that Christ has been with us always. As Pope Francis has said, the kingdom of God is “God’s reign in your life.” God, who is love, peace, and joy, desires those gifts for us here and now. Francis encourages us to begin with scripture: “To read the Gospel is to find Jesus and to have this Christian joy, which is a gift of the Holy Spirit.”

1 Corinthians 1:1-9; Matthew 24:42-51 (428). *“So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”*

Friday, Aug 28, 2026

Wisdom for the ages

Once a pagan and then a member of a heretical sect, Augustine became a Christian bishop and one of the most influential Christian thinkers. His *Confessions* marks one of the great spiritual autobiographies ever written with a profound conversion story and compelling testament to the workings of God in the human heart. In *The City of God*, Augustine laid out his comprehensive view of heaven and Earth. The impact of this deeply serious, honest, intelligent, and devoted Christian cannot be overstated. If you’ve never read the *Confessions*, pick up a copy. In it, you’ll find such rich theological insights as this: “You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you.”

MEMORIAL OF AUGUSTINE, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

1 Corinthians 1:17-25; Matthew 25:1-13 (429). *“The wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps.”*

Saturday, Aug 29, 2026

The price of prophecy

If you ever wonder why there are so many “yes-people” in places of power today, remember what happened to John the Baptist. He’s the one who gave us the expression, “Having your head served up on a platter,” to describe those who pay the price for speaking up. For him, that payment was literal. John wouldn’t keep his mouth shut and insisted on speaking truth to power, as prophets have always done. Saying what needs to be said instead of protecting your own skin can be a difficult choice. In the end, though, what’s really more worth saving: your short-term security or your integrity and your soul?

MEMORIAL OF THE PASSION OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Mark 6:17-29 (430/634). *“I want you to give me at once on a platter the head of John the Baptist.”*

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

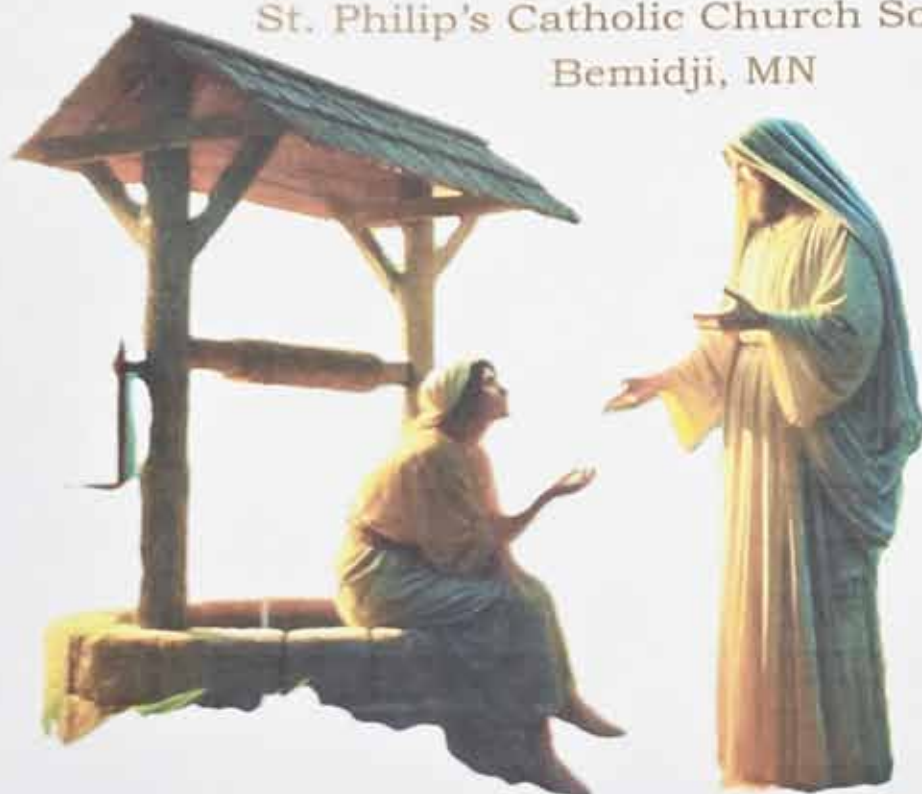


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Women at the Well

Thursday, September 24, 2026

St. Philip's Catholic Church Social Hall
Bemidji, MN



6:15 pm

Social Time
(Refreshments)

7:00 pm

Speaker
Marsha Murphy

8:00 pm

Adoration, Confessions
& Prayer Partners

A Ministry for Women ages 16 and over.

Forgiveness

Marsha and her husband have journeyed through many hardships unimaginable for most, including the murder of their son, Jason. Through all tragic moments, Marsha never let go of God's hand. Marsha will share her testimony along with many tools that have helped them all through the process of pain and to a place of healing and forgiveness. Throughout her trials Marsha has always been prayerful and joy filled. That certainly doesn't mean there have not been tears! Marsha will share how she continuously trusted God to lead her through times of suffering, and how that trust became a conduit for God's Grace. Grace in suffering has led Marsha to personal transformation to openly forgive and be joy-filled.

Come join us and be inspired!

