



Sacred Heart Catholic Community of Wilton

September 13, 2026 • Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH COMMUNITY

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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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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.

9/13/26

Reading I Sirach 27:30—28:7
Resp. Psalm Psalm 103:1-4, 9-12
Reading II Romans 14:7-9
Gospel Matthew 18:21-35

9/14/26

Reading I Numbers 21:4b-9
Resp. Psalm Psalm 78:1bc-2, 34-38
Reading II Philippians 2:6-11
Gospel John 3:13-17

9/15/26

Reading I I Corinthians 12:12-14, 27-31a
Resp. Psalm Psalm 100:1b-5
Gospel John 19:25-27

9/16/26

Reading I I Corinthians 12:31-13:13
Resp. Psalm Psalm 33:2-5, 12, 22
Gospel Luke 7:31-35

9/17/26

Reading I I Corinthians 15:1-11
Resp. Psalm Psalm 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28
Gospel Luke 7:36-50

9/18/26

Reading I I Corinthians 15:12-20
Resp. Psalm Psalm 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b, 15
Gospel Luke 8:1-3

9/19/26

Reading I I Corinthians 15:35-37, 42-49
Resp. Psalm Psalm 56:10c-14
Gospel Luke 8:4-15



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

September 13 Second Collection
Church in Latin America

September 19 Fall Dinner Prep

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

October 4 Children's Liturgy of the Word

Second Collection
Capital Improvements

Potluck
Following Mass.

October Serving Crew
Rucinski Family, Vollbrecht Family



Mass Intentions

MASS INTENTIONS

In Memory Of
For the People
By Doris Vleck

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!

• September 17 •

ALYS ANN EDWARDS

• September 17 •

SHELLY FREDRIKSEN

• September 18 •

DEB HEINEMAN



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

• September 18 •

LANCE & CRYSTAL PETERSON

ANNUAL FALL DINNER

The 88th Annual Chicken & Ham Dinner on Sunday, Sept. 20, 2026 is next week. After church today, we need to bring all the necessary equipment in from the shed to the social hall. Also, we will arrange the tables into serving formation. Please help us get the hall "dinner ready."

• Volunteer sign-up sheets are in the social hall for both Sat. and Sun. • If you have hydrangeas, please bring them in no later than today, Sept. 13. • If you are on social media, please advertise our dinner. • Save your ice cream buckets and lids for our food scraps.

Food Safety Reminders:

• Sat. Sept. 19 is Food Prep-day at 9:00 a.m. • *Yes—Wear a hat. No—don't wear jewelry when working with Food on both Saturday and Sunday. • *Wash hands often. Yes—wear gloves when handling food. • *Wear your White Sacred Heart T-shirt (or any White T-shirt) or the Green Sacred Heart T-shirts. New T-shirts have been ordered for those that need one. The t-shirts are free thanks to our anonymous donors. • *We would like the waiter and waitress to wear a white top and black pants. • We will feature the bazaar, bake sale, and donations of clean produce. Please pre-price your items.



SEPTEMBER 13

Greeters.....Ann Illies
Altar Server.....Parker Fuller
Announcers & Readers.....Alyssa Schindler
Lois Jenkins, Joe Rucinsk
Ushers.....Theresa Wilander
Carol Bjelland
Eucharistic Ministers.....Theresa Wilander
Mary Sorensen, Carol Bjelland

SEPTEMBER 20

Greeters.....Lorraine Galland
Altar Server.....John Carrlson
Announcers & Readers.....Deb Heineman
Josie Proulx, Molly Vollbrecht
Ushers.....John Trammell
John Sorensen
Eucharistic Ministers.....Lorraine Galland
John Trammell, Kathy Carrlson

SEPTEMBER 27

Greeters.....Ann Illies
Altar Server.....Joseph Smith
Announcers & Readers.....Ann Illies
Vange Anderson, Kathy Dreher
Ushers.....Karl Oestreich
Zach Thoma
Eucharistic Ministers.....Theresa Wilander
Stephanie Downey, Karen Shafer

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.**

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@stmarysmis-sion.org

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.

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
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

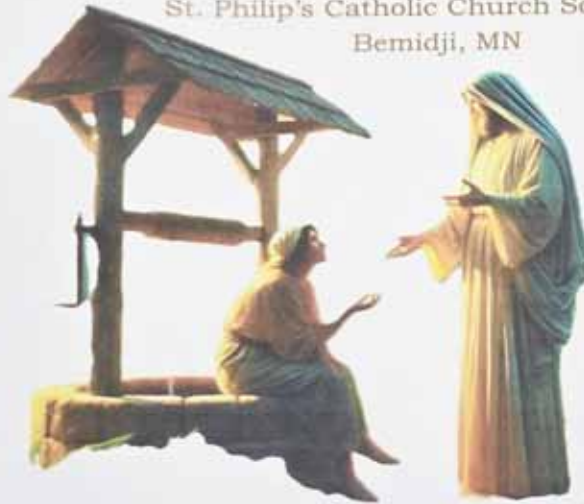
CURSILLOS

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.

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!



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 danielshea@paulbunyan.net. Candidates will be able to do all four (4) degrees that morning.

Sunday, Sep 13, 2026

There are no limits on forgiveness

One of the hardest things to do is to forgive. While God's forgiveness and mercy is constant, you still have to accept it, and that means more than an inner spiritual acceptance: It involves active love of both the lovable and also the people who you don't like or don't like you, even your enemies. That kind of forgiveness needs a special kind of love that makes you willing to sacrifice. What goes around comes around. Show mercy, and God will be merciful to you. Your salvation depends on forgiving "not seven times but seventy-seven times"—that is, without limit.

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Sirach 27:30-28:7; Romans 14:7-9; Matthew 18:21-35 (130).
"Could anyone refuse mercy to another like himself, can he seek pardon for his own sins?"

Monday, Sep 14, 2026

Where the cross leads

In the critically acclaimed Mexican film *Pan's Labyrinth*, an unhappy girl's mother has married a handsome general who is, by all accounts, a monster. The girl's only hope seems to be in following the directions of an ugly creature, Pan, who will lead her through her labyrinthine fate. At one point Pan goads the young girl, "You still have tasks to complete." She laments, "But they've locked the door and I can't get out." The creature hands her a piece of chalk. "Draw your own door," he suggests. It is not clear where the door will lead, to life or death. For Christians, the only door we have is the cross. Yes, it leads to death, but also to eternal life.

FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS
Numbers 21:4b-9; Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17 (638). *"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life."*

Tuesday, Sep 15, 2026

Pain beyond words

Unspeaking grief is the only way to describe what loving parents endure at the death of a son or daughter. It doesn't matter if the child lived 6 minutes or 60 years. Mary, the Mother of God, had to watch her son be tortured and executed. Our Lady of Sorrows is a title Mary earned by her spiritual martyrdom. Like all Christian martyrs, Mary remained faithful and found solace in the life of Christ despite her excruciating pain. Show compassion for the spiritual martyrs in your community, and be filled with Mary's grace as you contemplate her great sorrows.

MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS
1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27-31a;; John 19:25-27 or Luke 2:33-35 (444/639). *"This child is destined ... to be a sign that will be contradicted and you yourself a sword will pierce."*

Wednesday, Sep 16, 2026

Keep an open-door policy

During the first half of the third century, when Cornelius and Cyprian lived, the church faced the difficult question of how to treat the large numbers of Christians who had abandoned their faith in times of persecution. Some bishops refused to allow them back, but Cornelius and Cyprian argued for their return. Cyprian wrote, "One cannot have God for a father who does not have the church for a mother." Hardship and danger visit us at unexpected times, and we react in ways that are hard to predict. At times, we may run away from a challenge, only to ask ourselves later, "Why wasn't I more courageous in that situation?" It's good to keep the

doors of the church wide open—any one of us might need that open door someday.

MEMORIAL OF CORNELIUS, POPE, AND CYPRIAN, BISHOP, MARTYRS

1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13; Luke 7:31-35 (445). *"So faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love."*

Thursday, Sep 17, 2026

Pardon me?

The woman who anointed Jesus' feet with precious oil first washed them with her tears. Why was she crying? Perhaps she saw clearly that her own sins caused her separation from God. The Pharisee who criticized Jesus for associating with the woman, on the other hand, was deluded into self-righteousness. Jesus is able to forgive the woman's sin because she first recognized her need for forgiveness; self-righteousness, though, is unforgivable because it suffers the delusion that it does not need to be forgiven. Saint Augustine explains: "How many there are who know that they have sinned against their brothers or sisters and yet are unwilling to say: 'Forgive me.' They were not ashamed to sin, but they are ashamed to ask pardon. They were not ashamed of their evil act, but they blush where humility is concerned." Don't let your pride get in the way of the joy of forgiveness.

1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 7:36-50 (446). *"Her many sins have been forgiven."*

Friday, Sep 18, 2026

Time to name names

When you consider how many people Jesus healed and talked with and ate with and traveled with during his short life, you realize the vast majority of them are anonymous. They are simply known as the "poor" or the "sick" or some other group. When we don't know a person's name it is easier to think of them as a category instead of a human person with a history and a future. Today is a good day to notice the people we regularly encounter whose names we do not know: the homeless person on the street corner, the server behind the counter at the coffee shop, the senior who sits in the first pew in church. Then maybe ask their names.

1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 8:1-3 (447). *"Jesus journeyed from one town and village to another, preaching and proclaiming the good news of the Kingdom of God."*

Saturday, Sep 19, 2026

The ears have it

Jesus sometimes said things in the gospels that are puzzling, or at least perplexing on the surface. For example, when he took the disciples aside to explain to them the parable of the sower, he told them, "Knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of God has been granted to you; but to the rest, they are made known through parables so that they may look but not see, and hear but not understand." Why didn't he want the others to understand? Wasn't that the whole point of his mission? Perhaps Jesus was letting us know of the challenges we will face as we try to spread the light of the gospel to others. Regardless, strive to be one whose ears hear all the Lord has to say.

1 Corinthians 15:35-37, 42-49; Luke 8:4-15 (448). *"Whoever has ears to hear ought to hear."*

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



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