



Sacred Heart Catholic Community of Wilton

September 20, 2026 • Twenty-Fifth 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

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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
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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
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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.

9/20/26

Reading I Isaiah 55:6-9

Resp. Psalm Psalm 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

Reading II Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

Gospel Matthew 20:1-16a

9/21/26

Reading I Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13

Resp. Psalm Psalm 19:2-5

Gospel Matthew 9:9-13

9/22/26

Reading I Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13

Resp. Psalm Psalm 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44

Gospel Luke 8:19-21

9/23/26

Reading I Proverbs 30:5-9

Resp. Psalm Psalm 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163

Gospel Luke 9:1-6

9/24/26

Reading I Ecclesiastes 1:2-11

Resp. Psalm Psalm 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc

Gospel Luke 9:7-9

9/25/26

Reading I Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

Resp. Psalm Psalm 144:1b-4

Gospel Luke 9:18-22

9/26/26

Reading I Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:8

Resp. Psalm Psalm 90:3-6, 12-14 and 17

Gospel Luke 9:43b-45



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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

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.

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



Mass Intentions

MASS INTENTIONS

For the Repose of the Soul of
Steve Bitker

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 20 •

KAREN SHAFER

• September 21 •

LORRAINE GALLAND

• September 24 •

MEGAN FULLER

• September 24 •

KEVIN GEERDES

• September 24 •

MOLLY VOLLBRECHT

ANNUAL FALL DINNER

Today is the day of our 88th Annual Fall Dinner! We are grateful for all the support and help our church family provides to make this a successful fundraiser.

The Bazaar will open at 10:45. Please give our volunteers time to set up after mass.

The Dinner is advertised from 11 AM - to 2 PM, however, the food will be ready at 10:30. Volunteer workers are encouraged to eat either at 10:30 or 1:30. If you need to eat at 10:30, please sit together at one designated table for easy clean-up.

Together we are awesome! God Bless You All!
Thank you Everyone!



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

OCTOBER 4

Greeters.....Lorraine Galland

Altar Server.....Brenalen Fredriksen-Holm

Announcers & Readers.....Megan Fuller

John Carrlson, Ann Illies

Ushers.....Theresa Wilander

Carol Bjelland

Eucharistic Ministers.....Evie Johnson

John Trammell, Kathy Carrlson

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.**

Lois Jenkins is translating diaries from a Nymore woman: 1944-1951. Look at the piece of history that she found from 1946! That's 80 years ago. This lady was at our 8th annual Chicken and Ham dinner!

September 15, 1944:

"Fri. Warm. Sunny. did some sewing. We got our hunting licenses & some shells this eve at Recreation."

1945:

"Sat Warmer & sunny. Went to town to shop this pm. I played Armory with Bruhns tonite. Hamburgers at Mac's after."

1946:

"Sun A nice warm Sunday. Church at 7. Went to Wilton to church dinner. Home, and later to the farm for eggs."

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 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

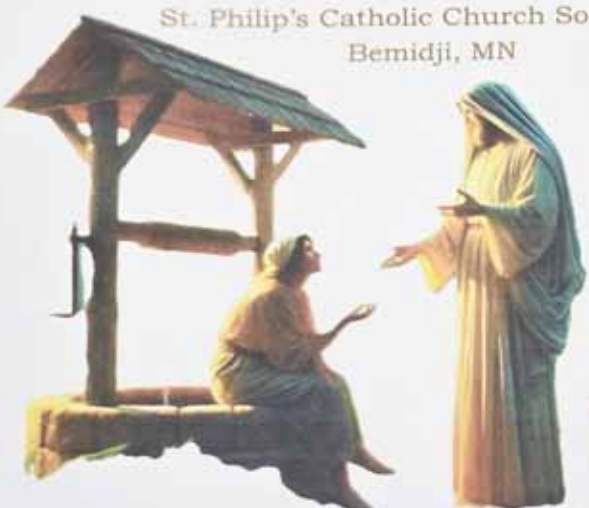
CURSILLOS

Starting to make plans for fall? Consider signing up for Cursillo. 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!

FINANCES

August 23, 2026

General Account

Children.....	\$.00
Adults.....	\$725.00
Loose.....	\$170.00
Doughnuts.....	\$28.00
Mailed.....	\$20.00

Cemetery Fund

Donations.....	\$325.00
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ADVENTURES IN LIFELONG LEARNING

Adventures in Lifelong Learning is organized exclusively to provide opportunities for continued lifelong learning in the Bemidji area. It is intended that ALL programs will assist participants to improve their critical thinking skills and appreciate the diversity of human experience through presentation.
Bemidji ALL: since 1994

Tuesday, September 29, 2026 –

Isabelle Harmon: Discovery, Culture, Adventure: Journey Across the World

The world rewards those who explore it -- new cultures, new landscapes, new perspectives, and the immense joy of discovery. Growing up with parents and family traveling for work and for play, Isabelle will share her homes and journeys from Qatar to London to France to Quebec to Northern Minnesota and travels beyond.

Note: NELL -- Northern Exposure to Lifelong Learning -- hosts Isabelle and this presentation, Wednesday, September 30, 9:30 a.m., Bagley Public Library. Part of Isabelle's story is also in print in the newly published North Country Journal. Books will be for sale at her presentations.

Fall, 2026: 8 Tuesdays, 10-11:30 am at The Bemidji Eagles, starting 9/29/26 - 11/17/26
Please, bring your own coffee/tea/water cups.

Sunday, Sep 20, 2026

Teach us

“Catechetical Sunday” is a day to celebrate the importance of all who teach and pass on the faith, not only religious education instructors but everyone who has taught us about our faith: parents, spouses, children, and other family, teachers, clergy, coworkers, books, movies—the list goes on. Think of all the people who have helped to form you in your faith, either by what they said or how they lived. Then think about the people you have an opportunity to teach. Without people to pass on the tradition for a new day, the faith would wither away. What a blessing and responsibility it is to follow in the footsteps of Christ the Teacher. Embrace it.

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME;
CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

Isaiah 55:6-9; Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a; Matthew 20:1-16a (133). *“Seek the LORD while he may be found, call him while he is near.”*

Monday, Sep 21, 2026

A radical welcome

Jesus’ choice of dinner companions ranged from “nice” people like the law-abiding Pharisees and friends like Martha and Mary, to seamier types—not insignificant for an observant Jew. With a knack for becoming the host at any table where he sat, Jesus generously shared the Good News he bore in his heart with those hungry enough to listen. And while Matthew turned his life around breaking bread with Jesus, we do not see Jesus setting out to convert anyone. It was enough for Jesus just to be with those cringing under the law, beaten down, excluded. Such radical welcome is enough to change a heart.

FEAST OF MATTHEW, APOSTLE, EVANGELIST

Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:9-13 (643). *“Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?”*

Tuesday, Sep 22, 2026

Be light of heart

Imagine the contents of your heart on the scales of heaven right now. Would you be found heavy with cares or light with hope? Are your intentions solid gold or an amalgam of mixed motives? Yesterday the Jewish community observed its holiest feast, Yom Kippur, when the faithful seek atonement for the sake of being close to God. The Catholic Church teaches that “Jews remain very dear to God . . . since God does not take back the gifts he bestowed or the choices he made,” as the Second Vatican Council document *Nostra Aetate* teaches. Lighten your heart from any burden of discrimination.

Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13; Luke 8:19-21 (450). *“All the ways of a man may be right in his own eyes, but it is the LORD who proves hearts.”*

Wednesday, Sep 23, 2026

Beyond appearances

Those who have heard of Padre Pio usually think of a mysterious Italian monk who, like his spiritual father Saint Francis of Assisi, bore the stigmata, the physical wounds of Jesus. But there’s a lot more to Pio. As one of his biographers said, “Those who knew Padre Pio well loved him not because of his mystical gifts but because he was a wise, good, unassuming, and amiable Christian gentleman, who, through his virtues . . . led men and women closer to God.” He spent 50 years hearing Confessions—it is estimated he heard 2 million—and giving counsel to troubled people. He also built a state-of-the-art hospital dedicated to serving the poor.

Sometimes people—even saints—are more than they seem. Learn more about the people you encounter each day. Their goodness may surprise you.

MEMORIAL OF PIUS OF PIETRELCINA, PRIEST

Proverbs 30:5-9; Luke 9:1-6 (451). *“He sent them to proclaim the Kingdom of God.”*

Thursday, Sep 24, 2026

The Qoheleth in all of us

Qoheleth is the speaker in the Old Testament book of the same name, better known as Ecclesiastes. There is a bit of Qoheleth in all of us. He is cynical and confused and a bit fatalistic. He struggles to make logical sense of life as we see it unfold in the world around us. How to make sense of all the cruelty, foolishness, greed, and violence? The Qoheleth in us wants to throw up our hands and declare that our strife and struggle is all in vain. The message is at times so seemingly bleak that if the book hadn’t been mistakenly attributed to King Solomon early on, it likely would have been cast aside long ago. Return to Qoheleth when you need a reminder that much in life remains a mystery. The best we can do is embrace it.

Ecclesiastes 1:2-11; Luke 9:7-9 (452). *“Vanity of vanities! All things are vanity!”*

Friday, Sep 25, 2026

The cycles of life

American author Hanna Rion (1875-1924) noted that the “greatest gift of the garden is the restoration of the five senses.” True enough. But a garden is more than a sensual feast. It is the place we are most aware of the rhythms of life. In a garden we never question that there is “a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant.” Why do we believe that our lives are any different? Like the flowers and trees, our lives have a rhythm, and we are most at peace when we are in harmony with it. There is much to learn from a garden, if we only take the time. Plan to visit one and let it teach you.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-11; Luke 9:18-22 (453). *“There is . . . a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant.”*

Saturday, Sep 26, 2026

Pay attention

In today’s gospel, Jesus wants to make sure his message is heard and absorbed. “Pay attention to what I am telling you,” he urges. His message is difficult: Human beings will betray him by putting self-interest before love. And that’s the way it continues to be. Jesus is eager for his followers to hear his words so that we would know to look very close to home when determining where redemption and conversion are most needed in this world. Betrayal and kindness manifest themselves in unexpected places. The best advice for each of us is to keep our faith in God above all others. As Saint Gerard Majella points out: “Who except God can give you peace? Has the world ever been able to satisfy the heart?”

Ecclesiastes 11:9—12:8; Luke 9:43b-45 (454). *“Pay attention to what I am telling you. The Son of Man is to be handed over to men.”*

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



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