



Sacred Heart Catholic Community of Wilton

September 27, 2026 • Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH COMMUNITY

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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

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Ann Illies..... (218) 751-9254
Lois Jenkins (218) 444-8140
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MAINTENANCE ADVISOR

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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.

9/27/26

Reading I Ezekiel 18:25-28
Resp. Psalm Psalm 25:4-9
Reading II Philippians 2:1-11
Gospel Matthew 21:28-32

9/28/26

Reading I Job 1:6-22
Resp. Psalm Psalm 17:1-3, 6-7
Gospel Luke 9:46-50

9/29/26

Reading I Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
Resp. Psalm Psalm 138:1-5
Gospel John 1:47-51

9/30/26

Reading I Job 9:1-12, 14-16
Resp. Psalm Psalm 88:10bc-15
Gospel Luke 9:57-62

10/1/26

Reading I Job 19:21-27
Resp. Psalm Psalm 27:7-9abc, 13-14
Gospel Luke 10:1-12

10/2/26

Reading I Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5
Resp. Psalm Psalm 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14ab
Gospel Matthew 18:1-5, 10

10/3/26

Reading I Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17
Resp. Psalm Psalm 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130
Gospel Luke 10:17-24



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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@stmarysmission.org



Mass Intentions

MASS INTENTIONS For Healing For Seth & Lochlan McClusky

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!

• October 1 •

NICK WICHERN

• October 3 •

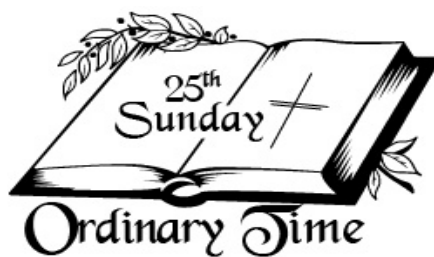
VANGE ANDERSON



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

• October 3 •

JOE & KAILEY RUCINSKI



FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH:

Bring your souvenirs, invitations, thank yous, clippings, photos of Sacred Heart Memories to display and/or scrapbook. Place in the bright light teal basket on the liturgy table.



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

OCTOBER 11

Greeters.....Lorraine Galland
 Altar Server.....Teagan Rucinski
 Announcers & Readers.....Joe Rucinski
 Josie Proulx, Lois Jenkins
 Ushers.....John Trammell
 John Sorensen
 Eucharistic Ministers.....Lorraine Galland
 Evie Johnson, 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.**



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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
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
Mike & Rosemarie Weber
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.

FALL DINNER

Once again the Magic Happened on our 88th annual dinner. Many thanks to our hard-working volunteers and our anonymous donors for making our dinner a huge success.

The record of only 4 rainy days on the third Sunday of September still holds!

Special thanks to all including:

The "pre-dinner" organizers who baked, gardened, and created items for the bazaar, the Friday decorating team, the Saturday potato peeling, the bazaar ladies, the cooking crew (Joe, Greg, Zach, Karl, and Kailey), the kitchen team and Lynn Eaton with his meat carving skills, the wait staff, the ticket takers, the money counters, the pie servers, the beverage attendants, the take-out crew, everyone who scraped dirty dishes, worked the dishwasher, cleaned dirty pots and pans and the Earth Angels who stayed until 3:30 when everyone was exhausted and took charge.

Comments overheard:

"I remember the early days, 88 years ago, when the dinner was served outside on card tables with cloth table runners," said Rosemarie Weber's sister Helen

Best made-from scratch food!

Remember when the food used to be hauled from Jack's Supper Club?

We love real potatoes and gravy, and a perfect salad.

No waiting.

Well-advertised and organized.

The bazaar had a nice variety of crafts, produce, and baked goods.

Looking back at history:

In 1977, Polly worked her first fall dinner when Lucille Hendricks was the organizer. Since then, rain has fallen only four times on the third Sunday of September between 11-2. That record still stands in 2026!

In 1996, we served a record of 426 in the OLD church.

In 2002 we had a record of 578 in the NEW church.

In 2011 (Our 75th) we served 501.

In 2019 (pre-Covid) we served 346 plus 82 take-outs for a total of 428.

There was no official dinner in 2020, 2021, and 2022 due to the pandemic.

In 2023, Molly Vollbrecht stepped up to the plate to continue the legacy of Sacred Heart's famous Fall Dinner. In 2023, our first post-Covid event, we served 350.

In 2024 we had 240 tickets at the door at 70 take-outs for a total of 310.

In 2025 we served 229 sit-downs plus 65 take-outs for a combined total of 294.

In 2026 we served 263 sit-downs and 72 take-outs for a total of 335.

In 2026, Lois Jenkins was translating the journal of a Nymore woman. Here's an entry from Sept. 17, 1946. "Sun A nice warm Sunday. Church at 7. Went to Wilton to church dinner. Home, and later to the farm for eggs."

No matter the numbers, working together for a common cause is priceless.

Our 89th Dinner will be held on Sunday, Sept 19, 2027

"Happiness Keeps you sweet.

Trials keep you strong.

Sorrows keep you human.

Failures keep you humble.

Success keeps you glowing.

But only God keeps you going."

Anon

Great job everyone!

Thanks, from Team Molly and Polly

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.

"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to those of others."
Philippians 2:4-5

Stewardship is often confused with volunteering. Stewardship is not primarily an activity, but an attitude -- a way of life. Giving of our time, talent, and treasure involves a change of attitude. It is important to think of giving as a sign of how blessed we are and how using our gifts and talents for the good of others demonstrates our gratitude to God.

Sunday, Sep 27, 2026

Love indeed

Saint Ignatius of Loyola (1491-1556) advised his followers: "Love consists in sharing what one has and what one is with those one loves." Who are the people you love? Family, friends, God? Do you share what you have and who you are (warts and all) with these people? Do you make yourself vulnerable and available to others? Observe a cross section of the apparent sinners and saints you run across each day. Who is showing their love for others in deeds rather than words? They are the true disciples of Christ. Emulate them.

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Ezekiel 18:25-28; Philippians 2:1-11 or Philippians 2:1-5;
Matthew 21:28-32 (136). *"The man came to the other son and gave the same order. He said in reply, 'Yes, sir,' but did not go."*

Monday, Sep 28, 2026

If I had a thousand lives ...

Saint Lawrence Ruiz, patron saint of the Philippines and the first canonized Filipino martyr, died in 1637 and was elevated to sainthood in 1987. A Dominican-educated altar boy who grew up to become a clerk, marry, and have children, he was falsely accused of murder and fled on a ship to Japan in the company of missionaries. Once there, he was arrested and tortured for being a Christian, but he refused to recant his faith and was executed, saying, "Had I a thousand lives, all these to Him shall I offer."

What sacrifices are you willing to make for your faith?

MEMORIAL OF LAWRENCE RUIZ AND
COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

Job 1:6-22; Luke 9:46-50 (455). *"Whoever receives me receives the one who sent me."*

Tuesday, Sep 29, 2026

What angels do

According to Saint Augustine, the word *angel* is not a description of the creature, it's a description of the job these spirits do—that is, serve as messengers of God's purposes. They are reliable messengers, says Jesus, because they "always behold the face of my father in heaven." We can trust such messengers because they do not lose sight of God. Today we celebrate the feast of three archangels—Michael, who spoke regularly to the prophets; Gabriel, who announced the births of John the Baptist and Jesus; and Raphael, whose name means "God has healed." Let's learn from them to keep our eyes on God.

FEAST OF MICHAEL, GABRIEL, AND RAPHAEL,
ARCHANGELS

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; John 1:47-51 (647). *"You will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."*

Wednesday, Sep 30, 2026

Spiritual family first

Jesus didn't exactly embrace the concept of the traditional family. Rather he preferred to call "family" those who followed him and spread his gospel—in other words, his disciples. For example, when a would-be disciple said he had to first perform the sacred duty of burying his deceased father, Jesus replied, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Harsh words, but it was his way of saying that those who did not completely respond to his call were dead—not physically

like the father, but spiritually. In honor of Saint Jerome, renowned translator of scripture whose feast we celebrate today, spend time with the good book and understand more about your spiritual heritage.

Job 9:1-12, 14-16; Luke 9:57-62 (457). *"I will follow you wherever you go."*

Thursday, Oct 01, 2026

Find your match

When we hear the word *vocation*, especially in church, we tend to think of people interested in priesthood and religious life, of which we hear, rightly, there are too few. But vocation begins further back than that. It is, in the words of author John Neafsey, not only "what makes me happy" or "what I am good at." It is "what the world needs from us, what kind of contribution we might be able to make for the betterment and redemption of this troubled world we live in." The world—the church included—needs the best leaders it can get. Whatever you do, look for the match between your gifts and the needs of the community.

Job 19:21-27; Luke 10:1-12 (458). *"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest."*

Friday, Oct 02, 2026

Someone to watch over us

"See, I am sending an angel before you, to guard you on the way and bring you to the place I have prepared" (Exodus 33:20). Is there a more comforting thought than that each of us has an angel whose job it is to guard us on our way? This long-cherished truth has been largely dismissed in our literal, scientific society. Nevertheless, it is a scientific fact that whatever we turn our attention toward, we notice. The shirt you're wearing right now, for instance, or the bird outside your window. Today let's be aware of the subtle guidance, that gentle nudging toward the good—and follow it. Could that be our angel?

MEMORIAL OF THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS

Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Matthew 18:1-5, 10 (459/650). *"Do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father."*

Saturday, Oct 03, 2026

Lessons in perspective

The long-suffering Job is a biblical character many of us can admire from a distance but few would take the opportunity to imitate up close. Sometimes, however, all of us get to taste some of what Job experienced. His story invites us to examine a central question: In whom or what do I place my trust? In a time of crisis, we're invited to dig down to a deeper truth underneath the shifting conditions—the unconditional love of God for all of us. In the opening of Vatican II Saint John XXIII asked that the faithful: "Consult not your fears but your hopes and your dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what it is still possible for you to do." That's good advice to remember during trying times.

Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Luke 10:17-24 (460). *"I had heard of you by word of mouth, but now my eye has seen you."*

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



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Fall Dinner 2026

The Tables Are Set.



The Potatoes are
Delivered & Peeled.



The Delicious Smell
of Chicken & Ham Fills the Air.



The Ham is Cut.



The Corn is Hot.



The Name Tags Are On.



2026

The Take-out Crew
is Ready.



The Beverage Cart
is Full



The Pies Are Cut.



The Bazaar Ladies
Are Open for Business.



The Ticket Takers
Are in Position



The Dish Scrappers
Are Ready to Work.



The Dishwashers
Begin Clean-up.



The Wait-Staff
Has Their Assignment.



The Delicious Food
is Served.



For All to Enjoy!



The Clean-Up Crew
Is Still Smiling at 3:30 p.m.



The Women's Shelter Receives the
Potatoes, Gravy, & Salad.



Thanks to All
for a Successful 88th Dinner!