



## Our Mission Begins at Baptism

**The 6 Effects of Baptism**

- ◆ Washes us clean of Original Sin
- ◆ Makes us Christians, & followers of God
- ◆ Makes us Children of God
- ◆ We become members of the church
- ◆ We are heirs to eternal life
- ◆ The TRINITY DWELLS within ME

Baptism, in the days of John the Baptist, was a cleansing ceremony. When people repented of their sins, they received God's mercy & were washed clean by the waters of baptism. So why did Jesus need to be baptized? He had no sins to repent, nothing on His soul that needed cleansing. The baptism of Jesus was a powerful, two-fold message. First, to most people present that day, Jesus was just another guy. Then at His baptism, God the Father & God the Holy Spirit revealed to the world that Jesus was God the Son, the long awaited Messiah. Second, this revelation was made while

Jesus was standing amongst professed sinners. This was a sign that in His humanity, Jesus understood their struggles & still chose to walk beside them. Jesus offered hope while teaching the way to everlasting life. At Jesus' baptism, the waters were sanctified by His immersion. He gave a new meaning to the ritual. Now at baptism, we are infused with the Holy Spirit. We are taken as sons and daughters of God and become part of His mission: the salvation of humankind. What do you do to celebrate your baptismal day anniversary?

If we pray we will believe; if we believe we will love; & if we love we will serve! - St. Teresa of Calcutta

**Keep your Christmas present**

You remember Christmas—"May your days be merry and bright" and all that? Often we think of "getting through the holidays" rather than savoring, like fine wine, the implications of "God with us." What Christmas celebrates is nothing less than the most radical moment in human history: the leap from the divine to the human, piercing the veil, God taking root in skin and bone and changing our destiny forever. The lights may be packed away, the gifts exchanged, but that's the small stuff. How have I been changed by these days?

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## St. Philip Neri Catholic Church



*Baptism of  
the Lord*

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Heaven was opened  
and the Holy Spirit  
descended upon him in  
bodily form like a  
dove. Luke 3:21-22

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**Pinochle Tournament with Potluck**  
Sat., Jan 19th after the 5 PM Vigil Mass.

Register your team of two or as an individual at the main entrance of the church by Wednesday, January 16th.

**Bring a dish to share!**

Entry fee is \$5/person. All monies are paid out to the top teams at the end of the night. It's a great time to socialize.

**9 DAYS FOR**  
JANUARY 14 - 22, 2019

JOIN THOUSANDS AS WE PRAY FOR THE RESPECT OF HUMAN LIFE

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**9 Days for Life Novena begins Jan. 14**

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Download or sign up to receive the novena any of four ways: free mobile app, text message, email, or online, or printed at the church's front entrance.

**Confessions:** 1/2 hr before every Mass, 1 hour before Saturday Mass, OR by appointment.

**Weddings:** Contact Fr. Pfeifer at least 6 months prior.

**Baptisms:** Contact Fr. Pfeifer before Godparents are chosen.

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If you or a loved one are hospitalized, please let Father know if you want a visit or to be anointed.

**January 13, 2018  
Baptism of the Lord**

Mon., Jan. 14.....7 PM +Mike Engelhardt (Birth 1/15) by The Family
Tues. Jan. 15.....7 PM +Isadore Wald (Death 1/16) by Margaret Wald & Family
Wed., Jan. 16..... 8 AM +Ron Dittmer (Birth 1/16) by Nick & Kelly Breidenbach & Family
Thu., Jan. 17.....8 AM Special Intentions
Fri., Jan. 18.....8 AM +Tillie Piatz by Willie J. Piatz
Sat., Jan. 19.....5 PM Our Parishioners
Sun., Jan. 20.....10 AM +Joey Moch (Birth 2/19) by Ann Moch & Family
Sun., Jan. 20 Care Center 8:45 AM +Msgr. Allan Nilles
Helper: Wendy Haegele

**Prayer Chain: In need of prayers? Contact Janet at 754-2295**  
41 members of our parish are available & willing to pray for you & your intention

 **Rosary 25 minutes before all weekend & daily masses.**

 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place from 5:30 AM Thursday until midnight Friday.

**Parish Announcements**



We welcome **Fr. William Callery** to St. Philip Neri this weekend to celebrate the weekend Masses with us as Fr. Pfeifer is directing a Life in the Spirit Retreat in Harvey. Please help him to feel right at home with us!

**Right to Life Sunday - Jan. 20th**

This marks the 46th anniversary of the court case *Roe vs. Wade* that legalized abortion in America. **Please join us for a Holy Hour on Jan. 20th at 3 PM (the hour of mercy) in the church** to pray that this bloodshed will end. We pray for safety & protection for the youth from our parish who are attending the March for Life in Washington DC: Isabella Bitz, Kelsie Breidenbach, Kylie Breidenbach, Brooklyn Fettig, Janae Weigel, & Alexa Young.

The Bishops have asked us to **pray & fast** on Tues. Jan. 22nd for the sanctity & respect of human life from conception until natural death.

**Right to Life Bingo** - Jan., 20th at 7pm in the social hall.

**Poinsettias & tree ornaments** – Thanks again to all who donated poinsettias & memorials for our live trees this year. The **ornaments** are in alphabetical order by last name in the front entrance of the church. Please pick yours up this weekend! For those of you who purchased a **poinsettia or turned in a Christmas flower envelope**, take a poinsettia home after Mass this Sunday. First come, first serve. All poinsettias will be moved to the front entrance of the church on Monday. **If there are poinsettias left on Tuesday, they are FREE for anyone to take.** Please allow those who purchased one, time to pick theirs up first. Plastic bags will be provided in the sacristy.

**Many hands make less work.** We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to help clean the church & put things away on Mon., Jan. 14th at 10:00 AM in the church.

**Peter's Pence Collection** will be taken up the weekend of Jan. 20th. This special collection is taken up by all parishes in our diocese. It enables the Holy Father, Pope Francis, to respond with emergency financial assistance in aid of the most needy throughout the world. This can include those who are suffering as a result of war, oppression, & natural disasters. Please be generous.

**Will and Estate Planning** – Jan. 29 - For all those who are planning to create a will or simply update the one you already have, this seminar may be for you. Steve Schons, Director of Stewardship and Development for the Diocese of Fargo, will be on-hand to provide some helpful tips. Steve will cover the key elements of a will, explanation of terminology, & a booklet to get you started with organizing your information. The seminar will be held in the Social Hall on Tuesday, January 29th at 7:30 p.m., after Mass.

**New Year's collection:** Adults:\$766.25 Children:\$29.43  
**Last weekends collection:** Adults:\$3,556.62 Children:\$109.40

As we transition into this New Year, may God draw you & your loved ones ever deeper into the mystery of His love. May our parish open its doors to welcome all who are searching for the truth. We pray that everyone in our community will come to know that Our Father looks to each one of us to participate in the mission of sharing the Good News of His love & our salvation through His Son. *Pray for the grace & courage to invite someone who is not practicing the faith to come to Church this year and when you feel called, ask them.*

**Christian Mothers Dues** -All ladies of the parish: New year and dues for Christian Mothers are due. \$5 per year. You can check to see if yours are current or not, in the social hall. The list is located above the sink area. To pay the dues, just put your name & money in an envelope, and write *Christian Mother's dues - Steph Holt* on the outside & place your envelope in the collection basket at Mass. Thank you very much!

**Great Adventure Bible Timeline next class:** Mon., January 21st after the 7 PM Mass in the social hall. Read: Luke 19:28-24;53

**K-12 CCD Classes & Families:** "Circle of Grace" is the existing Safe Environment program required by the Diocese of Fargo. The purpose of the program is to empower students to actively participate in a safe environment for themselves & others. It aims to equip our students by arming them with essential skills grounded in the richness of our faith. This program helps students to understand their own & other's dignity in mind, body & spirit. Circle of Grace will be taught during regular CCD class time throughout the month of January.

**Cursillo Weekends** – Want to deepen your faith & come to know our Lord in a deeper way? Please consider attending one of the upcoming Cursillo retreat weekends throughout the Diocese. Cursillo is a short course in Christianity & has had made a huge impact on the lives of those who have attended. Applications available in the office.

**Cursillo places & dates:**

**Men's Weekends:** Harvey Feb. 7-10, & Hankinson Mar. 7-10  
**Women's Weekends:** Harvey Feb. 14-17 & Hankinson Mar. 14-17

**Mark your Calendars and join us for:  
St. Philip Neri Wine & Dine & Games**

**Sat., Feb. 9th - 6 PM to 8 PM in the Social Hall**

**Menu:** Steak & Shrimp, Garden Salad, Baked Potato, Cole-slaw, Cheesecake, Champagne at 6 PM & a glass of wine with each course of the meal starting at 6:30 PM!

Your meal will be served to you!  
96 tickets available at \$40.00 a plate  
Pick up your ticket after mass or in the office.

**Advanced tickets only!  
Come and win prizes all night long!**



 **St. Philip Neri  
Catholic Church**

Saturday, January 19th

<u>Sacristan</u>	Phyllis Johnson
<u>Rosary</u>	Rick Regner
<u>Lectors</u>	Mary Schneider, Brenda Weigel
<u>Ushers/ Gift Bearers</u>	Viola B., Lorraine P.; John & Sally Johs
<u>Servers</u>	Carter Bitz, Madisyn Grenz, Charmaine Haas
<u>EMHC</u>	David Becker, Jack Horner, Barb Silbernagel

Sunday, January 20th

<u>Sacristan</u>	Anita Fettig
<u>Rosary</u>	Jerome Schwartz
<u>Lectors</u>	Cheri Glatt, Charlotte Brendel
<u>Ushers/ Gift Bearers</u>	R. Schumacher Family; Taylor Grunefelder Family
<u>Servers</u>	Noah Becker, Yikealo Breidenbach, Rachel Doll, Elodie Kuhn, Amelia Moch
<u>EMHC</u>	Stephanie Becker, Anita Fettig, Cindy Weigel