Who do you ask for guidance? When you're in need or in trouble, who do you turn to for help? As Catholics, we should turn to the Holy Spirit. But most of us forget to. Why is this? We need the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity, and we need the gifts that He can give us. They apply to every part of our lives. In fact, the 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit are absolutely essential for getting to heaven… but too often we block their reception through our own faults. We often fail to petition God to bestow these gifts upon us, and we don't understand how these gifts can be strengthened in the sacraments. It's time to change that, let's do a review of what the 7 gifts are:

1. Wisdom - To see things as God sees them. It is like being on a mountain top & seeing everything around us in proportion. Wisdom helps us to judge and order all things in accordance with God & make him the center of our lives; living in a loving relationship with Him.

2. Understanding - What do we want to understand better? Hopefully our answer is focused on heaven & Godly values. Understanding helps us to get a deeper insight into divine truths. We don't understand just to be enlightened but that our hearts want to be penetrated with holy truths. Understanding gives light to our minds that we may know & love the truths of faith.

3. Knowledge - In this word, knowledge, we see a smaller word 'know'. What should we know? There is nothing more important than to know & love God. Knowledge helps us to judge rightly good & evil concerning the truths of faith in proper order, as revealed by God.

4. Piety - to be pious, is to be meek, humble, & childlike. Every one of us is a child of God & how we approach God should be done in a dignified & respectful manner. Piety helps us to give worship to God as our Father & to relate to him as his children. This gift enables us to have a right relationship with God and with our fellow human beings.

5. Counsel - Every school has a guidance counselor who gives advice to students who seek it & helps them make a good decisions by giving them direction. Counsel from the Holy Spirit helps us to render the counsel of God regarding one's actions in view of sanctifying our souls, and for salvation to become holy as God desires. Ask the Holy Spirit for counsel, it guides us in all actions that we may always know & do, God's holy will.

6. Fortitude - Have courage my friend, be strong & have courage. Fortitude helps us to overcome difficulties or to endure pain & suffering with strength and power that comes from God in heaven. Fortitude helps us to resist evil & persevere in a good manner. Fortitude strengthens our souls & gives us confidence in God.

7. Fear of the Lord - What do you want us to fear, God? I thought my priest said we should put God first before everything else & not pick him last as if he were on a playground team. Why would we fear him? Fear of the Lord helps us to avoid sin & knowing that one sin affects my relationship with God. As we avoid sin, we draw strength out of reverence for God. This gift helps us to put God first & before anything else. This gift helps us to avoid displeasing God by sin, because we really love him.

Come Holy Spirit, Come!

St. Philip Neri Catholic Church

May 31, 2020 — **Fr. Neil Pfeifer, Pastor**

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PENTECOST SUNDAY

Jesus said to them again,
"Peace be with you.
As the Father has sent me,
So I send you." - Jn. 20:21

WELCOME WITH OPEN ARMS TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH!

This weekend we welcome those who have finished the first phase of the RCIA process, & are discerning full communion with the Catholic Church:

Catechumen: (never baptized): Brett Schumacher

Candidates: (seeking Confirmation, 1st Communion): Melissa Piatz, Bryan Grenz, Todd Moos, Kristen Moos, Tyler Moos, Trevor Moos, & Lily Moos for the Welcome Rite

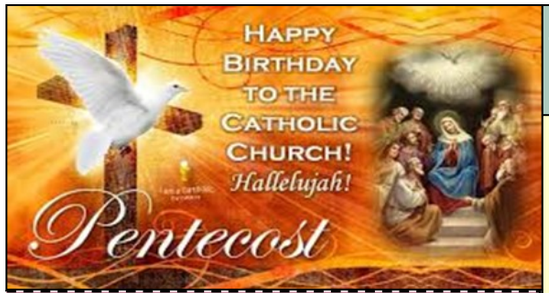
We continue to pray for the 8 young adults who have entered the church already this year with Bishop Folda, and these 6 who entered full communion with the church last weekend.

Fully Initiated

First Communion

Confirmation

Adult Baptism



Celebrating A Major Anniversary? Let us celebrate with you in October. Please complete this form & return it to the office or drop it in the collection if you have an anniversary starting at 20 years & going up in increments of 5.

First & Last Name:_____

Email address:_____

Date of Marriage:_____

Years of marriage_____

They Are No Longer Two But One

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Traveling? Check out: masstimes.org

Important Parish Information:
Confessions - See schedule by Mass intentions
Daily Mass Options on Live Stream:
Facebook Live: "St. Philip Neri Catholic Church"
YouTube Live: "St. Philip Neri Napoleon"
Online giving: stphilipnerinapoleon.org; then click the "Donate" tab on the top of the page.

Congratulations to
Al and Nicollette Schwalbe
United in Holy Matrimony this Weekend on May 30, 2020.
"Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate."

If you or your loved ones need prayers, please let us know; we have an army of 41 members on our prayer chain who will pray for your needs. Contact Helen Braun with your intention at 754-2219; or her email at fbrau@bektel.com.

Confessions: Parish Center St. Michael's Room
Rosary: 20 minutes before each Mass
Live - Streamed Mass marked by a (**)

****Monday, June 1** (confession: 6pm - 6:25pm)
7:00 PM † Austin Sona by Francis & JoEll Braun

****Tuesday, June 2** (confession: 6pm - 6:25pm)
7:00 PM † Leo Piatz by Marion Piatz & Family

****Wednesday, June 3 (No confessions)**
† *No Daily Mass —* *Chrism Mass in Fargo*

****Thursday, June 4** (confession: 7am - 7:25am)
8:00 AM † Alexa Young by Bob & Barb Ireland

****Friday, June 5** (confession: 7am - 7:25am)
8:00 AM † Caroline Schatz by Tony & Alvera Leier
No Mass at Care Center until further notice

Saturday, June 6 (confession: 3pm - 3:50pm & 6pm - 6:25pm)
4:00 PM † Emmanuel Haegele by Paul & Wendy Haegele

****7:00 PM †** Joe & †Elizabeth Braun by Tony & Barb Braun

Sunday, June 7 (confession: 7:30am - 7:50am & 9:30am - 9:50am)
8:00 AM † Our living & deceased Parishioners

****10:30 AM** Denise Weigel & Family by Jerry & Darcy Meier

PRAY THE ROSARY EVERYDAY

First Friday Devotions to the Immaculate Heart of Mary & **First Saturday Devotions** to the Sacred Heart of Jesus this week after daily Mass. Join us!

Adoration Schedule at St. Philip Neri
Mon., Tues., & Wed. 7:30pm to 9:30pm
Thurs. 5:30am - 11:59pm **Fri.** Adoration all Day
Sat. 8:00am to 10:00am **Sun.** 8:00am to 10:00am

The following hours are in need of a **2nd Adorer**: Call Maria 754-2474 to help & commit:
Sat. 9am; Sun. 8am, 9am; Tues.7:30pm;
Wed. 7:30pm; Thurs. 11am;
Fri. 1am, 3am, 4am, 9am, 10am, and 9pm

PARISH PROJECTS UPDATE

God's Gift Update:
Goal: $49,968 56% participation
Pledged: $65,910 132% of goal

Magi Appeal - Roof Project:
Amount Needed for bid on project: $261,000
Amount Pledged:$254,031

Cemetery Statue Project:
Amount spent so far: $13,085
Amount raised: $47,069

Newest Project - Heat Pump:
Last November we realized that our heat pump, which heats & cools the church, was not running right. After consulting three companies, it was decided to replace the current 13 year old heat pump for efficiency. Our electrical bills have spiked as one of the two coils is out. To replace the one coil is over $21,000 without a guarantee that the other coil is efficient. The finance council has approved replacement at an estimated $31,000. If you would like to contribute, any amount would be appreciated! Leave donations in the office or collection.

Let's Meet and Greet Our Seminarians Assigned to Us for the Next 8 Weeks!

Robert Foertsch, I am currently studying at the St. Paul Seminary School of Divinity in St. Paul, MN. Before seminary I received a bachelor's degree from NDSU in Computer Science; afterwards I worked as a staff member at the university. I grew up as a farm kid in Wyndmere, ND. I have 4 siblings and many nieces & nephews. For hobbies, I enjoy golf & pinochle.

Matt Kensok. I grew up in Casselton, ND & attended Central Cass HS, I studied mechanical engineering at NDSU for 3 years, & spent 3 years in NE (St. Gregory the Great) before heading to Mount St. Mary's Seminary in MD for 2 years of theology studies there. I enjoy studying scripture. My hobbies include playing trumpet, running, biking, board games, & spending time with family.

The Holy Spirit Fans the Flame of our Mission

In today's gospel, Jesus sends the disciples out into the world to continue His mission. They are to preach His message to all who will listen. But as we have heard in earlier gospel readings, the disciples have been afraid and hiding since Jesus' death and Resurrection. Therefore, how will they be able to obey His command? Jesus fills the disciples with the Holy Spirit. This person of the Trinity fortifies the disciples and gives them courage. They are able to carry out Christ's mission with Peter as their new leader. This establishes our Church. It is why Pentecost is often referred to as the birthday of the Church. Just as the Father sent Jesus and Jesus sent the disciples, it is our turn to go forth and continue His mission. And like the disciples, we are not alone. At Baptism, we receive the Holy Spirit and His gifts (wisdom, understanding, knowledge, counsel, fortitude, piety, and fear [awe] of the Lord). When we are Confirmed, those gifts are reinvigorated within us. Our busy lives often leave us with little time to contemplate how we should be fulfilling our mission. The flame of our faith still burns within us, but may have dwindled a bit over time. Today is the perfect time to ask the Holy Spirit to fan the flame of our mission. The Holy Spirit will give us the courage and determination to make time in our day for doing God's work. Our eternal salvation depends on it.

Last Weekend's Stewardship of Treasure:
Adults: $5,091.00
Children: $4.00
Ascension: $108.00

Stewardship Moment - May 31, 2020 - Pentecost Sunday
"To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." 1 Cor. 12:7
Points of reflection to help us think and act as stewards:
To receive the gift of the Holy Spirit you must open your heart and invite Him in! Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your thoughts, words and actions every day! Be grateful for all the gifts God has given you! Regardless of our individual circumstances, God has given all of us many blessings. What we do with those gifts is our gift back to God! By generously sharing everything we have and everything we are, we become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered" and our lives truly reflect God's light, love and mercy.