

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions
December: Catechists

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Weekly Prayer of the Faithful Petitions
December 5, 2021:

That we may resist the lure of holiday advertising, instead concentrate on the message of simplicity, and trust that is found in the Christmas manger scene.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY
Almighty God, grant us the will to greet our Savior with our good works when he comes, so that we may be worthy to be on his right hand and possess the kingdom of heaven. - **Collect of the Mass**

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:
Fri. Dec. 24th – Christmas Eve: 9:15am - Care Center
4:00pm Mass – St. Philip Neri
12:00am Midnight Mass – St. Philip Neri
Sat. Dec. 25th – Christmas Day: 9:00am Mass – St. Philip Neri

Please Note that there will be **No 7:00pm Vigil Mass on Sat. Dec. 25th. You are encouraged to attend Mass on Sun. Dec. 26th – 8:00am and 10:30 am.*

December Birthdays

- Dec. 5— Lance Weigel
- Dec. 5— Tyler Moos
- Dec. 6— Colten Jangula
- Dec. 6— Nancy Sperrazzo
- Dec. 8— Donald Hottman
- Dec. 9— Joslyn Becker
- Dec. 9— Mary Lou Hilzedeger
- Dec. 10— Angela Leier
- Dec. 10— Christy Bitz
- Dec. 10— Jonah Schwartzenberger
- Dec. 10— Wesley Piatz
- Dec. 11— Donovan Gross
- Dec. 11— McKenzie Glatt



ST. PHILIP NERI
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2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DEC. 5, 2021

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Saint John the Baptist Word Puzzle

Here is a prophesy about Saint John the Baptist. Use the words from the list below to fill in the blanks. The letters that are in circles fit into the matching spots at the bottom.

A voice of one ³ out in the desert:
" ⁵ the way of the Lord, make straight his ² Every valley shall be ⁷ and every ⁸ and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made ¹ and the ⁶ ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of ⁴."

- GOD
- PATHS
- ROUGH
- FILLED
- MOUNTAIN
- STRAIGHT
- PREPARE
- CRYING



What was St. John the Baptist?
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
Isaiah 40:3-5

Our friends from the Holy Land have a Kiosk to sell their religious items made from olive wood at Bismarck Kirkwood Mall (across from The Buckle) Please stop by their kiosk and support them by doing some of your Christmas shopping with them!



ANOINTING OF THE SICK – Dec. 4/5 (all weekend Masses)

Anointing of the Sick is the sacrament that is received by those who are ill or suffering. By the sacred anointing and the prayer of the priest, the whole Church commends those who are sick to Christ. The sick person receives the Holy Spirit's gifts of strength, faith, peace, and courage, and his or her suffering is united with the suffering of Christ for the building up of the Church (Catechism of the Catholic Church [CCC], nos. 1520-23). Not a sacrament to be feared or put off until death is certain. God takes care not only of our souls but also of our bodies. **Blessed oil** is used as a sign of God's strength and the power of the Holy Spirit. When a priest anoints the forehead, he reminds us to be sorry for sins of thought. The touching of the hands reminds us of those sins committed by deeds. During the anointing the priest says: "Through this holy anointing may the Lord in his love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit. (Answer. Amen). May the Lord, who frees you from sin, save you and raise you up."



Second Sunday of Advent

"Prepare the way of the Lord." - **Mark 1: 3** We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, does just that – it puts us on the path to holiness and it invites others to be holy, too.



The **2nd Sunday of Advent** is the "Bethlehem Candle which symbolizes faith or Preparation" as we prepare for the coming of Jesus, who was originally born in the small village of Bethlehem.

Reminding us that God kept his promise of a Savior who would be born in Bethlehem. Let's prepare for the coming of Christ. "A voice of one calling in the desert, prepare the way for the Lord, make straight his paths." —**Matthew 3:4**

"We are witnesses and precursors. We have to bear witness and at the same time we have to show others the way. Our responsibility is great, because to be Christ's witnesses implies first and foremost that we should try to live our lives according to his doctrine, that we should strive to make our actions remind others of Jesus and his most lovable personality. We have to act in such a way that others will be able to say, when they meet us: This man is a Christian, because he does not hate, because he is willing to understand, because he is not a fanatic, because he is willing to make sacrifice, because he shows that he is a man of peace, because he knows how to love." —**J. Escriva, Christ is passing by, 122**

Prepare ye the Way of the Lord

Luke 3:4



Answers to John the Baptist Word Puzzle: crying, prepare, paths, filled, mountain, straight, rough, God, A PROPHET.

 **Daily Rosary 20 Minutes Before Each Mass**

Special Thanks! To our parishioners who helped change out the hymnals and to whoever took the old ones to the recycling center, that was a big help to me. Thank you! -Emily

RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults next class is on Thurs., Dec. 9th, 7:00pm

ANOINTING OF THE SICK – Dec. 4/5
At all weekend Masses
Anointing of the Sick is the sacrament that is received by those who are ill or suffering. (See back page for more information)

Right to Life Bingo Sunday, December 5th | 7:00pm

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Day of obligation.
Mass Schedule:
Tue., Dec. 7th: 7:00pm Vigil Mass – St. Philip Neri
Wed., Dec. 8th: 9:15am Mass – Care Center
Wed., Dec. 8th: 7:00pm Mass – St. Philip Neri

Dec. 8 - National Night of Prayer for the Unborn
Pray to end abortion and restore God's blessings
8 p.m. - Midnight
The National Night of Prayer for Life program at St. Philip Neri includes adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the holy Rosary and silent prayer.
8PM - Youth Group ~ Joyful Mysteries
9PM - Christian Mothers ~ Sorrowful Mysteries
10PM - Finance/Parish councils ~ Luminous Mysteries
11PM - K of C ~ Glorious Mysteries
Everyone is welcome to pray at adoration!

Sun. Dec. 12th: we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. A meal will be served in the Legion Hall after the 10:30am Mass. **Please come and enjoy authentic Mexican food, fun & fellowship.**



Sun. Dec. 19th: 5:00pm - Penance Service (Sacrament of Reconciliation) at St. Philip Neri Church to prepare our hearts for Christmas. (4 priests helping with confessions).

FREE Advent Resources:
Please stop by the table in the entry way to grab some books for your family members of all ages to use this advent season, as we wait for Christ!

Mon., Dec. 6 (Confessions: 6:15pm - 6:50pm)
7:00 PM † Cynthia Doll by Bethany Becker
*Eucharistic Adoration: 7:30pm - 9:30pm
Tues., Dec. 7 (Confessions: 6:15pm - 6:50pm)
7:00 PM † Markus Wangler by Leona Were
*Eucharistic Adoration: 7:30pm - 9:30pm
Memorial of St. Ambrose, bishop, dr. of the Church
Wed., Dec. 8 (Confessions: 6:15pm - 6:50pm)
9:15 AM * (CC) †** Our Parishioners
7:00 PM † Edward Moser by Dave & Eileen Moser & Family
*Jr. & Sr. High Bible Study: No Meeting
*Eucharistic Adoration: 7:30pm - 9:30pm
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thurs., Dec. 9 (Confessions: 7:15am - 7:50am)
8:00 AM † Tammy Lang by Uncle Steve Engelhardt
*Eucharistic Adoration: 5:30am - midnight (12:00am)
*RCIA: 7:00pm
Fri., Dec. 10 (Confessions: 7:15am - 7:50am)
8:00 AM † John Bitz by Josh & Dawn Moch
(intention rescheduled from last week)
*Eucharistic Adoration: 12:00am-12:00am (all day)
Saturday, Dec. 11 (Confessions: 6:15pm - 6:50pm)
*Eucharistic Adoration: 8:00am - 10:00am
7:00 PM † Grace Jangula by John Jangula
Sunday, Dec. 12 (Confessions: 7:15am - 7:50am & 9:45am - 10:20am)
8:00 AM † Jerome Schwartzenberger by Nadeane Silbernagel
*Eucharistic Adoration: 9:00am - 10:00am
10:30 AM † Our Living & Deceased Parishioners
3rd Sunday of Advent

SACRAMENTS

- **CONFESSION** - 45 minutes before each Mass or any-time by appointment
- **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** - every day; see daily schedule above in Mass intentions
- **MARRIAGE** - Contact Father at least six months prior to your wedding date
- **BAPTISM** - Contact Fr. before the child is born
- **ANOINTING OF THE SICK** - If you or a loved one is hospitalized, before surgery, or before death occurs; contact Father Kizito

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: **Updated hours**
Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday: 8 AM—4 PM

Time and Talent
Volunteers make our parish run. It has been a while since we have updated our parish ministry lists. Are you willing to share your time and talent with our parish community? On December 5 & 12 a Time & Talent form will be distributed at the weekend Masses. Pray how you can serve your parish more with your time and talent.

Dec. 11-12	Sat. 7:00PM	Sun. 8:00AM	Sun. 10:30AM
Sacristan	Sue Wald	Doris Leier	Deb Humann
Rosary	Liz Moch	Mitch Leier	Jackie Weigel
Lector	Rick Regner Cindy Weigel	Terry Schwartzenberger Mitch Leier	Nick Becker Claire Bitz
Usher/ Gift Bearer	Chuck & Sue Wald	Damon Weigel Family Kathy Feist Family	Steve Gross Family
Altar Server	Hunter Haas Carter Haas Alexa Haas	Hunter Grenz Madisyn Grenz Khloee Grenz	Alexis Schneider Brooklyn Schneider Hunter Schumacher

More information....Community Events

- **Have Prayer Chain Requests:** Call or email Helen Braun at 754-2219; fbrau@bektel.com
- **Alcoholics Anonymous - (AA)** will not be meeting over the winter months.
- **Get Formed?** Our parish has several hours of educational talks, videos, e-Books to help us grow in the faith. To Subscribe: stphilipneri.formed.org

Lions Turkey Bingo—Sun., Dec. 12th | 1pm at White Maid

Prayerfully consider spending one hour before the Lord in the Holy Eucharist. Please sign up in the Church entry. You can sign up for any time but, if it works, here are some slots that need a 2nd adorer (there can be many adorers in one time slot it just helps to have 2 for sure if one person needs to be gone) :
Thursday ~ 1:00PM
Friday ~ 1:00AM | 4:00AM | 9:00AM | 11:00AM | 12:00PM
Saturday ~ 8:00AM | 9:00AM

2021 November Altar Server of the Month
Congratulations to **Brinley Kleppe**. Brinley won a gift card from the K of C to Mabel's Bakery. Thank you for your service to God's altar. Brinley is the daughter of Ben & Cassie Kleppe.



Christmas Flowers - What better way to honor your loved one than by having a flower adorn our Church altar! We invite you to make a donation towards our Christmas flowers. Please use the envelopes in the pews and place them in the collection box, mail or drop by the office by Monday, December 13th. Thank you!



Last Sunday's Collection:
Adults: \$2,714.00 Children: \$105.02
Online giving is possible: stphilipnerinapoleon.org
Click on 'donate' tab on the right side of the page!

"And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value..." —Philippians 1:9-10
During the Christmas shopping season it is easy to get caught up in the frenzy of buying gifts. However, is that "gift" truly an expression of your love for the other person, or, are you just fulfilling your "obligation" to give them something? To grow in friendship with someone, you need to spend time with them, learn what is of value to them. **Maybe this year, buy less "stuff" and spend more time with those you love.**

CCD CORNER
Parents! Come here to see the CCD Schedule for a few weeks at a time!
Sun. Dec. 5th: K-6gr. 9:15-10:15 AM
Wed. Dec. 8th: 7-12gr. **NO CCD**
Sun. Dec. 12th: K-6gr. 9:15-10:15 AM
Wed. Dec. 15th: 7-12 gr. 7:00-8:00 PM
Sun. Dec. 19th: K-6gr. 9:15-10:15 AM
Wed. Dec. 22nd: 7-12gr. **NO CCD**

Attention Students!
in Grades K-8
Would you be willing to help us do the parts of the Mass on Thurs., Dec. 24 at the 4 PM Children's Christmas Mass? Your Help is Needed for Mass parts:
- Rosary (can be 1 student per decade)
- Lector/Reader
- Altar Servers
- Carry in the manger pieces to the crib during the procession at Mass
If you are able to assist, please contact Nikki Rau by call or text 899-2156 by Dec. 17th.

In pre-school up to kindergarten
If you would like to help with the bells before and during Mass, please come for practice this Sunday, Dec. 5th & the next two Sundays, during CCD time, to practice. The only requirements are children need to know their colors and follow directions well enough to not disrupt the rest of the group.