

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 12, 2021:

That we may take time every day to show our gratitude to God, who is the ultimate giver of all gifts.

December Birthdays

- Dec. 12— Elizabeth Schatz
- Dec. 13— Leona Kuhn
- Dec. 13— Megan Regner
- Dec. 14— Ben Hilzendeger
- Dec. 14— Lorraine Piatz
- Dec. 15— Kriss McCleary
- Dec. 15— Shauna Bitz
- Dec. 16— Delores Becker
- Dec. 17— Addison Leier
- Dec. 17— MiKayla Leier
- Dec. 18— Blaine Becker
- Dec. 18— Jim Bitz
- Dec. 18— Jazlyn Weigel
- Dec. 18— Jenna Weigel

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

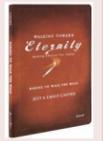
Steep yourselves in the meaning of these Advent days. And above all, pay heed to him who is approaching; consider his purpose in coming, the route he may choose for his approach. The Universal Church would not celebrate this Advent time with such solemnity of devotion did it not contain within it some great mystery.



—**St. Bernard, Sermon on the six aspects of Advent.**

Putting Your Faith into Practice

Walking Toward Eternity is an inspiring series designed to help participants live their faith more fully. Through daily prayerful meditation with Scripture (lectio divina), they will be drawn into an intimate and life-changing encounter with Christ. Daring to Walk the Walk, the first series of Walking Toward Eternity, introduces seven key virtues and outlines practical steps for living them out in daily life. This study shows how to put our Catholic faith into practice through prayer and action. The result is real, often-profound change occurring in people's lives as they begin living as God intended them to. We will be meeting on Tuesdays 7:30-8:30pm, beginning on January 4, 2022 in the social hall.



Advent Daily Reflections

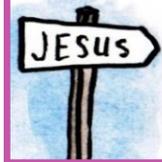
Psalm 118:24 reminds us: *"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."* One reason for joy is the gift of God's Word. Prepare for the coming of the Messiah at Christmas with daily reflections with Dr. Tim Gray. Visit formed.org to sign up.

Painting the Way to Jesus

In today's Gospel reading we hear about the people being filled with expectation for the coming of the Messiah. Saint John the Baptist told the people how to prepare for his coming- by doing good and repenting of their sins.

At first the people thought that John the Baptist might be the Messiah. But Saint John was only a messenger. We can think of him as a sign-post pointing the way to Jesus. People came to see and hear him, and he showed them the way to God.

How can you be like Saint John the Baptist and show other people the way to Jesus?



PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Virgin of Guadalupe, Patroness of unborn children, we implore your intercession for every child at risk of abortion. Help expectant parents to welcome from God, the priceless gift of their child's life. Console parents who have lost that gift through abortion, and lead them to forgiveness and healing through the Divine Mercy of your Son. Teach us to cherish and to care for family and friends until God calls them home. Help us never to see others as burdens. Guide our public officials to defend each and every human life through just laws. Inspire us all to bring our faith into public life, to speak for those who have no voice. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Love and Mercy itself. Amen.



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CATHOLIC CHURCH | NAPOLEON

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DEC. 12, 2021

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Third Sunday of Advent



This 3rd Sunday of Advent is called "Gaudete Sunday" (Gaudete from Latin, meaning Rejoice). "Gaudete" rejoice, is the first word of the opening antiphon for the Mass on this day. Jesus is the reason for rejoicing. He is the Word made flesh, the Christ, the Son of the living God. The 3rd Sunday of Advent symbolizes Joy with the "Shepherd's Candle or Candle of Joy" (rose candle), reminding us of the Joy the world experienced at the coming birth of Jesus 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**

The Incarnation

"By his incarnation the Son of God has united himself in some fashion with every human being" (Vatican II, GS 22). This saving event reveals to humanity not only the boundless love of God who "so loved the world that he gave his only Son" (Jn 3:16), but also the incomparable value of every human person. The Church, faithfully contemplating the mystery

Rejoice!

"Sing and shout for joy, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel"

Isaiah 12:2

of the Redemption, acknowledges this value with ever new wonder. She feels called to proclaim to the people of all times this "Gospel", the source of invincible hope and true joy for every period of history. The Gospel of God's love for man, the Gospel of the dignity of the person and the Gospel of life are a single and indivisible Gospel" - (**Pope John Paul II, The Gospel of Life, n.2**).

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.**



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

Please NOTE
Mon. Dec. 13 – 8:00am Mass. Father will be helping with confession in Zeeland at 7:00pm.
Tue. Dec. 14 – 8:00am Mass. Father will be helping with confession in Ashley at 7:00pm.

RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults next class is on **Thurs., Dec. 16th, 7:00pm**

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).

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
~ * Caroling begins at 11:30pm * ~
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.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS:
Thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests spent years working in Catholic schools, hospitals, and agencies – often for little pay. Their sacrifices leave their religious communities without adequate savings for retirement and eldercare. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious collection helps provide prescription medications, nursing care, and more. Please give generously to today's collection to the religious who have given a lifetime. Thank you for your support.

Mon., Dec. 13 (Confessions: 7:15am - 7:50am)
****8:00 AM (L)** Jennings Schwartzberger by The Family
***Eucharistic Adoration:** 7:30pm - 9:30pm
Memorial of St. Lucy, virgin, martyr
Tues., Dec. 14 (Confessions: 7:15am - 7:50am)
****8:00 AM †** Edmund Hager by Jacob & Claire Bitz
***Eucharistic Adoration:** 7:30pm - 9:30pm
Memorial of St. John of the Cross, priest, dr. of the Church
Wed., Dec. 15 (Confessions: 7:15am - 7:50am)
8:00 AM † Rob Romej by the Weigel Family
***Jr. & Sr. High Bible Study:** 6:15pm - 7:00pm
***Eucharistic Adoration:** 7:30pm - 9:30pm
Thurs., Dec. 16 (Confessions: 7:15am - 7:50am)
8:00 AM (L) Delores Becker by The Family
***Eucharistic Adoration:** 5:30am - midnight (12:00am)
***RCIA:** 7:00pm
Fri., Dec. 17 (Confessions: 7:15am– 7:50am)
8:00 AM † George & † Gloria Woods by Tony & Alvera Leier
9:15 AM * (CC) †** Msgr Val Gross by St. Philip Neri
***Eucharistic Adoration:** 12:00am-12:00am (all day)
Saturday, Dec. 18 (Confessions: 6:15pm - 6:50pm)
***Eucharistic Adoration:** 8:00am - 10:00am
7:00 PM † Willie Bitz by William J. Piatz
Sunday, Dec. 19 (Confessions: 7:15am - 7:50am & 9:45am - 10:20am)
8:00 AM † Our Living & Deceased Parishioners
***Eucharistic Adoration:** 9:00am - 10:00am
10:30 AM † John & † Leona Kuhn by Gerry & Mary Rattei
4th 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? A Time & Talent form is on the entryway table. If you have not already filled one out, pray how you can serve your parish more with your time and talent.

Dec. 18-19	Sat. 7:00PM	Sun. 8:00AM	Sun. 10:30AM
Sacristan	Dawn Becker	Coleen Piatz	Janet Dewald
Rosary	Rick Regner	Pius Wald	Nick Breidenbach
Lector	Chuck Wald Sue Wald	Mary Meyer Christina Gross	Rich Gross Jackie Bitz
Usher/ Gift Bearer	Logan Wald Family	Paul Bitz Family	Jody Horner Family
Altar Server	Brealle Weigel Brooklyn Hottman Bradley Hottman	Gracyn Feist Logan Feist Dalton Feist	Lauren Piatz McKlayne Rau Bryce Schneider

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

Weekly Adoration Hours of the Blessed Sacrament:
Monday 7:30 PM – 9:30 PM; Tuesday 7:30 PM—9:30 PM; Wednesday 7:30 PM—9:30 PM; Thursday 5:30 AM – 12:00 AM; Friday 12:00 AM—12:00 AM; Sat. 8:00 AM – 10:00AM and Sunday 9:00AM – 10:00AM. Prayerfully consider spending one hour before the Lord in the Holy Eucharist. Please sign up in the Church entry.

Reason for Spending a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament
Your hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament will repair for evils of the world and bring about peace on earth. "Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Jesus and ready to make reparation for the great evils of the world. Let your adoration never cease." (Pope John Paul II, Dominical Cenae)

Mary sustains our waiting for God
"Mary sustains our journey toward Christmas, for she teaches us how to live this Advent Season in expectation of the Lord. For this time of Advent is a time of waiting for the Lord, who will visit us all on the feast, but also, each one, in our own hearts. The Lord is coming! Let us wait for him!" —Pope Francis, Angelus, 8 December 2013

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: \$4,582.00 Children: \$127.29
Online giving is possible: stphilipnerinapoleon.org
Click on 'donate' tab on the right side of the page!

CCD CORNER
Parents! Come here to see the CCD Schedule for a few weeks at a time!
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**
Sun. Dec. 26th: K-6gr. **NO CCD**
Wed. Dec. 29th: 7-12gr. **NO CCD**

2022 Calendars are available. Please take a calendar for the new year. One calendar for each family or household. Complements of Dahlstrom Funeral Home.



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 & during Mass, please come for practice this Sunday, Dec. 12th & the next Sunday, during CCD time, to practice. The only requirements are children need to know their colors & follow directions well enough to not disrupt the rest of the group.

"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God." —Philippians 4:6
St. Paul reminds us that God is an abundant God – He is the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. Remember, that we are created in God's image and likeness. We, too, are made to be generous with all of our gifts as well. Placing our trust in God frees us from being a slave to possessions. It allows us to gratefully and generously share ourselves and our goods with others.



2021 Advent and Christmas Schedule

Confession Schedule

Regular Confession Schedule

45 Minutes before every Mass
(except 4 PM Children's Christmas Eve Mass)

Advent Penance Service

Sunday, December 19th at 5 PM until all are heard
4 priests will be available

Additional Times listed here:

unless there is a wake service or funeral

Tuesday, December 21 - 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM

Wednesday, December 22 - 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM

Thursday, December 23 - 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM

Adoration Schedule

We are blessed to have the Blessed Sacrament exposed on the altar EVERY day of the week. Come and enjoy peace in his presence.

Sunday - 9 AM - 10 AM

Monday - 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM

Tuesday - 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM

Wednesday - 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM

Thursday - Exposition at 5:30 AM - All Day

Friday - All Day and Night

Saturday - 8 AM - 10 AM

Christmas Mass Times

Friday, December 24 - 4 PM (Children's)

12 AM Midnight (caroling begins at 11:30 PM)

Saturday, December 25 - 9 AM



Praying the O Antiphons

On the last days of Advent, you can add the O Antiphons to your evening prayers. Each one highlights a title for the Messiah and refers to the prophecy of Isaiah of the coming of the Savior.

Friday, Dec. 17— *O Sapientia* - O Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love: come to teach us the path of knowledge!

Saturday, Dec. 18— *O Adonai* - O Leader of the House of Israel, giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai: come to rescue us with your mighty power!

Sunday, Dec. 19— *O Radix Jesse* - O Root of Jesse's stem, sign of God's love for all his people: come to save us without delay!

Monday, Dec. 20— *O Clavis David* - O Key of David, opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom: come and free the prisoners of darkness!

Tuesday, Dec. 21— *O Oriens* - O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death!

Wednesday, Dec. 22— *O Rex Gentium* - O King of all nations and keystone of the Church: come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!.

Thursday, Dec. 23— *O Emmanuel* - O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law: come to save us, Lord our God!

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
GOD IS INDEED MY SAVIOR:
I AM CONFIDENT AND UNAFRAID

