

**Holy Father's Prayer Intentions**  
**December: Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organizations**

*We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.*

**Weekly Prayer of the Faithful Petitions**

**December 11, 2022:**

*That through daily prayer we gain patience and align ourselves with God and His plan for us.*

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**

*"What each one of you must do in his own home, with his friend, his neighbor, his servant, his superior, his subordinate. You also know the way in which God provides the opportunity, and the way he opens the door with his word. Do not be content, then, to live at peace with yourselves until you have won them all for Christ, for you have been won for Christ."*

—St. Augustine, *Treatise on St. John's Gospel*, 10, 9

**Important Days on our Liturgical Calendar**

Dec. 25 – Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord, Christmas (Holy Day of Obligation)  
Jan. 1, 2023 – Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)

**Advent with Tim Gray**

This Advent season, walk with Dr. Tim Gray on a journey of renewal to ready your heart for the coming of Christ. Each day of Advent, Dr. Gray will unpack the meaning of this season and its rich traditions, as well as offer practical advice for making this Advent your best yet.

<https://watch.formed.org/advent-reflections-preparing-for-the-birth-of-our-savior-with-tim-gray>



**ANOINTING OF THE SICK –  
DEC. 17/18 (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."*



**December Birthdays**

- Dec. 11—Donovan Gross
- Dec. 11—McKenzie Glatt
- Dec. 12—Elizabeth Schatz
- Dec. 13—Megan Regner
- Dec. 14—Ben Hilzendeger
- Dec. 14—Lorraine Piatz
- Dec. 15—Kris McCleary
- Dec. 15—Shauna Bitz
- Dec. 16—Delores Becker
- Dec. 17—Addison Leier
- Dec. 17—Justin Leier
- Dec. 17—Kayva Weigel
- Dec. 17—MiKayla Leier

**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, *Dominicae Cenae*) - 2860.*

"Christ came to bring joy... joy to friends and families, joy to the sick and elderly; indeed, He came to bring joy to all people. Go therefore and become messengers of divine joy.



—Pope John Paul II

**WELCOME!**

**THANK YOU** for coming to celebrate the Holy Eucharist with us today; please know that you are always welcome to our Church. If you are new to our faith community and are interested in becoming members of our parish, please call the parish office at 701-754-2860.

**ST. PHILIP NERI**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH | NAPOLEON

**THIRD SUNDAY  
OF ADVENT**

DECEMBER 11, 2022



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Carol Baumgartner, Director of Religious Education | Cemetery Sexton - TBD



This **3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 birth of Jesus.

It's the joy that first came upon the shepherds on night watch in the fields when the Angel of the Lord appeared to them and said: "*Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.*" – **Luke 2:10**

**John the Baptist Forerunner of Christ**

According to the Gospel account, the birth of Saint John the Baptist fulfilled the prophecy of the return of Elijah (**Isaiah 40:3-5; Matthew 11:14**), who was to precede the Messiah as "the voice of one crying in the wilderness: *'Prepare the way of the Lord'*". This is why we refer to Saint John as the *Forerunner*, because he came before Christ, preparing men for His teaching and His ministry.

The holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke writes of John's miraculous conception (**Luke 1:5-25**). He then records the Virgin Mary's visit to her cousin, Elizabeth, who was then six months pregnant with John the Baptist. The two women embraced, and at recognizing the unborn Christ as the Promised Messiah, the unborn John leapt in his mother's womb (**Luke 1:39-45**).

As an adult John the Baptist started to preach in public, and people from "every quarter" were attracted to his message (see **Mk 11:32; Lk 7:29; Acts 18:25; Acts 19:1-7**). He prophesied the coming of the Messiah, One "whose sandal strap [he was not] worthy to stoop down and loose" (**Mk 1:7**). One who would baptize not only with water but also with the Holy Spirit (**Mk 1:8**). The essence of his preaching was the necessity of repentance and turning away from selfish pursuits.



**RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS DECEMBER 10-11:**

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 elder care. 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. 12th: Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe 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.



**Wednesday - Coffee & Cookies**

There will be coffee and cookies after the 8AM Mass on Wednesday, December 14th.



**RCIA** next class Thurs. Dec. 15th | 7:00PM

**Sunday, December 18th: 7:00pm**

**Penance Service** (Sacrament of Reconciliation) at St. Philip Neri Church, to prepare our hearts for Christmas.



(4 priests will be helping with confessions).

**CHRISTMAS LITURGY NEEDS!**

**Children's Christmas Eve Mass @ 4PM**

**Bells** - Leader: Mary Meyer - Parents of students in PreK-Kindergarten (if your child knows their colors and can stand nice without disrupting others they are welcome to join!) Practices are the 3 Sundays before; Dec. 4th 11th & 18th beginning at 9:15am in the Kindergarten classroom (St. Anthony Room). No need to sign up in advance just bring your kids to the practices! **If you missed the first practice still come the 11th & 18th!**

**Singing** - Leader: Emily Piatz - Parents of students in 2nd grade and up are now welcome to join! **Practice will be at 8:45 am Sunday Dec. 11th & 18th.** Songs the kids will be singing are: Away in a Manger, O Come Little Children, What Child is this, Silent Night & Joy to the World.

**Decorating Manger/Altar** - Leader: Nikki Rau - Parents of students in 1st-6th grade please let Nikki (899-2156) know if your student would like to help with: carrying up manger pieces/poinsettias, greeters and gifts (family for this), rosary (could be 1 child per decade), readers & altar servers.

**Midnight & 10:30 AM Masses**

There is a sign-up sheet in the entryway on the table. Please help us out by signing up where you are able, to save time trying to contact people!

**Daily Rosary 20 Minutes Before Each Mass**

**Mon., Dec. 12 - No Mass**

\***Eucharistic Adoration:** 7:30pm - 9:30pm  
*Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe*

**Tues., Dec. 13 - (Confessions 6:15pm - 6:50pm)**

**7:00 PM †** Leona Kuhn by Family  
\***Eucharistic Adoration:** 7:30pm - 9:30pm  
*Memorial of St. Lucy, virgin, martyr*

**Wed., Dec. 14 - (Confessions 7:15am - 7:50am)**

**8:00 AM †** Tammy Lang by +Steve Engelhardt  
*(Mass is rescheduled from 12/9)*  
\***Eucharistic Adoration:** 7:30pm - 9:30pm  
*Memorial of St. John of the Cross, priest, dr. of the Church*

**Thurs., Dec. 15 - (Confessions 7:15am - 7:50am)**

**8:00 AM †** Irene Horner by Bruce & Judy Grunefelder  
\***Eucharistic Adoration:** 5:30am – midnight (12:00am)  
\***RCIA:** 7:00pm

**Fri., Dec. 16 - (Confessions: 7:15am - 7:50am)**

**8:00 AM †** Delores Becker by The Family  
**9:15 AM CC †** Rob Romej by Family  
\***Eucharistic Adoration:** 12:00am – 12:00am (All day)

**Saturday, Dec. 17 - (Confessions: 6:15pm - 6:50pm)**

**7:00 PM †** JoAnne Glatt by Tony Glatt & Family  
\***Eucharistic Adoration:** 8:00am - 10:00am

**Sunday, Dec. 18 - (Confessions: 7:15am-7:50am & 9:45am - 10:20am)**

**8:00 AM** Our Parishioners  
\***Eucharistic Adoration:** 9:00am - 10:00am  
**10:30 AM †** Keith Wright by Gloria & Steve Wipperling

**7:00 PM** - Parish Penance Service  
**4th Sunday of Advent**

**SACRAMENTS**

- **CONFESSION** - 45 minutes before each Mass or anytime 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 Father 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:**

**Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday: 9 AM—4 PM**

Dec. 17-18	Sat. 7:00 PM	Sun. 8:00 AM	Sun. 10:30 AM
Sacristan	Sue Wald	Doris Leier	Pam Gross
Rosary	Liz Moch	Brenda Weigel	Jackie Weigel
Lector	Paul Haegele	Christina Gross	Jackie Bitz Jim Bitz
Usher/ Gift Bearer	Lorraine Piatz & Barb Silbernagel	Terry Schwartz- berger Family	Darrell Becker Family/ Tom Gross Family
Altar Server	Carter Haas Alexa Haas Emery Haas	Hunter Grenz Khloee Grenz Madisyn Grenz	Siena Wald Joseph Gerhardt Bennett Gerhardt

**More information....Community Events**

- **Have Prayer Chain Requests:** Call or email Helen Braun at 754-2219; [fbrau@bektel.com](mailto:fbrau@bektel.com)
- **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](http://stphilipneri.formed.org)

**Christmas Flowers**

What a better way to honor or remember a loved one by having a Poinsettia adorn our Church altar! We invite you to make a donation towards Christmas flowers. Please use the marked envelopes, for Christmas flowers, and put it in the Sunday collection basket, or you can mail or bring it to the parish office. Thank you in advance for your support. **DEADLINE:** December 19th



**Additional Times for Confession**

*(Be reconciled with the Lord & receive his Grace).*

- Tuesday, December 20 | 11:30am – 1:30pm
- Wednesday, December 21 | 7:30 – 9:30pm
- Thursday, December 22 | 7:30 – 9:30pm
- Friday, December 23 | 7:30 – 9:30pm

**Christmas Mass Schedule**

**Saturday Dec. 24th – Christmas Eve:**

4:00pm Mass – St. Philip Neri (**no incense**)  
12:00am Midnight Mass – St. Philip Neri (**yes incense at Midnight Mass**)

**Sunday Dec. 25th – Christmas Day:**

9:15am Mass - Care Center (**residents only**)  
10:30am Mass – St. Philip Neri (**yes incense**)



**Last Sunday's Collection:**

**Adults: \$4,832.50 Children: \$95.81**

*Online giving is possible: [stphilipnerinapoleon.org](http://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. 11th: K-6gr. 9:15-10:15 AM**
- Wed. Dec. 14th: 7-12gr. 7:00-8:00 PM**
- Sun. Dec. 18th: K-6gr. 9:15-10:15 AM**
- Wed. Dec. 21st: NO CLASS**
- Sun. Dec. 25th: NO CLASS**
- Wed. Dec. 28th: NO CLASS**

True readiness for Christ's coming lies in preparing for him through the Advent season. Please visit [formed.org](http://formed.org) for resources which can greatly impact how you approach the Advent season and beyond.

**Adore: Advent Reflections** with Fr. John Burns  
**Adventus: A spiritual Pilgrimage**

**Knights of Columbus News:**

**Free Throw Contest:** Dec. 16th at school beginning 11am for ages 9-14. Any KC's able to help, meet at the school gym at 10:50am



**Widow/ Widower Fruit Baskets:** Wed., Dec. 21st - KC's will be delivering fruit baskets to widows/widowers in town! Any KC's able to help, they will be delivered around 3pm, please meet at 3pm back of the grocery store.

**Right to Life Bingo:** Sunday, Jan. 8th. All ages are welcome to play.

**2022 December Altar Server of the Month**

Congratulations to **Amelia Moch**. Amelia won a gift card from the K of C to Mabel's Bakery. Thank you for your service to God's altar. Amelia is the daughter of Gary & Kristi Moch.



**December 11, 2022 - 3rd Sunday of Advent**

*"You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand." -James 5:8*

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule; we like things to be convenient. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer, God reveals to us what He wants us to do with the gifts He has given us. We are able to better align ourselves with God's will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.