

**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 18, 2022:**  
That we can put our complete trust in God and become a model of discipleship like Joseph.

## December Birthdays

Dec. 18—Blaine Becker  
Dec. 18—James Bitz  
Dec. 18—Jazlyn Weigel  
Dec. 18—Jenna Weigel  
Dec. 19—Jesse Gross  
Dec. 19—Kaydra Kleppe  
Dec. 19—Lila McCleary  
Dec. 19—Wendy Haegele  
Dec. 20—Ann Nolz  
Dec. 20—Hunter Grenz  
Dec. 20—Madalyn Gross  
Dec. 22—Helen Schmidt  
Dec. 22—Adriana McCleary  
Dec. 22—Emily Bitz  
Dec. 22—Erik Salazar  
Dec. 23—Karter Gross  
Dec. 23—Zayne Gross  
Dec. 24—Bill Schmitt  
Dec. 24—Justin Piatz

### Catholic Commentary: The Chosen Christmas Special

Dr. Michael Barber and Dr. Scott Hefelfinger are back this week to discuss The Messengers, the Christmas special from The Chosen. These two episodes discuss the biblical depiction of Jesus' birth, the traditional understanding of Mary's role in the Incarnation, and clear up some common misunderstandings surrounding the Christmas story. Visit formed.org

### 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)  
Jan. 8, 2023 – The Epiphany of the Lord  
Jan. 9, 2023 – The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

### 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.

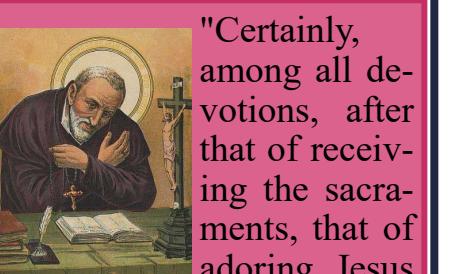
<https://watch.formed.org/advent-reflections-preparing-for-the-birth-of-our-savior-with-tim-gray>



### 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 commands 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."



Sacrament holds first place, is most pleasing to God, and most useful to ourselves. Do not then. O devout soul, refuse to begin this devotion." St. Alphonsus Maria de Liguori

### 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

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 18, 2022



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The 4th Sunday of Advent symbolizes **Peace** with the "Angel's Candle" reminding us how the angel with a multitude of the heavenly host appeared to the shepherds at night watch in the fields and proclaimed: "Glory to God in the highest; and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."  
– Luke 2:14

The angel announced that Jesus came to bring peace—He came to bring people close to God and to each other again. This color is also purple to represent the culmination of love through the Messiah.



### Catechism of the Catholic Church on Peace

"Earthly peace is the image and fruit of the peace of Christ, the messianic "**Prince of Peace**." Isa 9:5.

By the blood of his Cross, "in his own person he killed the hostility," Eph 2:16; Col 1:20-22.

He reconciled men with God and made his Church the sacrament of the unity of the human race and of its union with God. "He is our peace." Eph 2:14. He has declared: "Blessed are the peacemakers." Mt 5:9. – CCC 2305

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

During these days that precede Christmas, and always, let us ask our mother Mary to teach us how to hope in her son Jesus Christ, the Messiah whose advent was foretold by the Prophets. "Mary shines forth on earth, until the day of the Lord shall come, a sign of sure hope and comfort to the pilgrim People of God." - Second Vatican Council, Lumen Gentium, 68



### Christmas Mass Schedule

**Saturday Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve:**  
4:00pm Mass – St. Philip Neri (**no incense**)  
12:00am Midnight Mass – St. Philip Neri  
(**yes incense at Midnight Mass**)

**Sunday Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Day:**  
9:15am Mass - Care Center (**residents only**)  
10:30am Mass – St. Philip Neri (**yes incense**)

## Daily Rosary 20 Minutes Before Each Mass

We celebrate & welcome our newly baptized to our St. Philip Neri Parish Family:  
**Collins Raya Hilzendeger**—baptized Dec. 11th,  
Daughter of Elijah and Jana  
and **Charli Rose Ripplinger**—  
baptized this weekend,  
Daughter of Dylan and Stephanie  
May they continue to be filled with god's Grace.



Our Sympathies & Condolences go out to the family of:

**Margaret Wald**

March 26, 1949 - December 13, 2022

*May her soul, through the mercy of God, rest in peace!*

Funeral - Monday, December 19th | 10:30AM  
Visitation 2-4 PM & Prayer Service 4PM on Dec. 18th

### Christmas Flowers

What a better way to honor or remember a loved one by having a Poinsettia adorn our Church altar! The names of the loved one and the donor will be published in the New Year's bulletin. 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 by December 19th. Thank you in advance for your support.



**CCD – Parents please NOTE that Grades 7-12 WILL HAVE a religion class next Wednesday, December 21, from 7:00-8:00pm.**

**NO RCIA** class Thurs. Dec. 22nd | Christmas Break

### 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!) There will be one more practice on Dec. 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!

**Singing** - Leader: Emily Piatz - Parents of students in 3rd grade and up please let Emily Piatz know if your kids would like to sing, 426-8764, she will follow up with practice information via text. 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, HELP IS STILL NEEDED! please let Nikki (899-2156) know if your student would like to help with the following: **Many students** to carry up manger pieces/poinsettias, **1 Family** for greeters and gifts, **1 or More Rosary Leaders** (could be 1 child per decade), **1 Reader**, and **2-3 altar servers**

### 10:30 AM Mass

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! Thank you to those that already volunteered!

### Mon., Dec. 19 - NO MASS

\*Eucharistic Adoration: 7:30pm - 9:30pm

### Tues., Dec. 20 - (Confessions 6:15pm - 6:50pm)

**7:00 PM †** Agnes Gross by Janet Dewald & Family  
\*Eucharistic Adoration: 7:30pm - 9:30pm

### Wed., Dec. 21 - (Confessions 7:15am - 7:50am)

**8:00 AM †** John Becker by Donna Bitz  
\*Eucharistic Adoration: 7:30pm - 9:30pm

### Thurs., Dec. 22- (Confessions 7:15am - 7:50am)

**8:00 AM †** Bernhard & **†** Katie Weigel by Family  
\*Eucharistic Adoration: 5:30am – 3:00pm  
(please NOTE the change of time)

### NO RCIA

### Fri., Dec. 23 - (Confessions: 7:15am - 7:50am)

**8:00 AM †** Bert Schumacher by Mary Beth Schumacher  
**NO CC Mass**

### NO Eucharistic Adoration

### Saturday, Dec. 24 - (Confessions: 3:15pm - 3:50pm)

### 4:00 PM— Christmas Eve Mass

**†** Ray Hilzendeger by Charles & Roberta Johs  
**NO Eucharistic Adoration**

### 12:00 AM — Christmas Eve Mass

**†** Rob Romej by The Family

### Sunday, Dec. 25

### THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD - CHRISTMAS

9:45am - 10:20am)

**9:15 AM CC †** Lorraine Reis by Jessica Reis  
\*Eucharistic Adoration: 9:00am - 10:00am

**10:30 AM †** Our Parishioners

### Eucharistic Adoration This Week:

Monday to Wednesday: 7:30—9:30pm.

Thursday, Dec. 22: 5:30am—3:00pm.

We shall resume on Monday, Dec. 26 at 7:30pm.

### SACRAMENTS

- CONFESSION** - 45 minutes before each Mass or anytime by appointment

- EUCARISTIC 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. 24- 25	Sat. 4:00 PM	Sun. 12:00 AM	Sun. 10:30 AM
Sacristan	<b>STILL NEED</b>	Wendy Haegle	Pam Gross	
Rosary	Children	Paul Haegle	<b>STILL NEED</b>	
Lector	Children	Paul Haegle Mary Schneider	Pam Gross Jim Bitz	
Usher/ Gift Bear- er	Children	Stephanie Holt Barb Silbernagel	Cheri Glatt <b>STILL NEED</b>	
Altar Server	Children	Jada Schwartzenberger Xavier Schwartzenberger Aliyah Schwartzenberger	<b>STILL NEED</b> <b>STILL NEED</b> <b>STILL NEED</b>	

### 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 Confession for your Soul

The best way to prepare for Christmas is to receive the gift of forgiveness.

**Sun. Dec. 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).

**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

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter** is offering an **in-person retreat on January 13-15, 2023, in Medora** and March 17-19 in East Grand Forks. Live your best life in love! For more information, call Rob & Angie at (701) 347-1998 or apply at [ndwwme.org](http://ndwwme.org).



### Last Sunday's Collection:

Amounts will be included in next week's bulletin.

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. 18th: K-6gr. 9:15-10:15 AM

Wed. Dec. 21st: 7-12gr. 7:00-8:00 PM

Sun. Dec. 25th: NO CLASS

Wed. Dec. 28th: NO CLASS

Sun. Jan. 1st: NO CLASS

Wed. Jan. 4th: 7-12gr. 7:00-8:00 PM

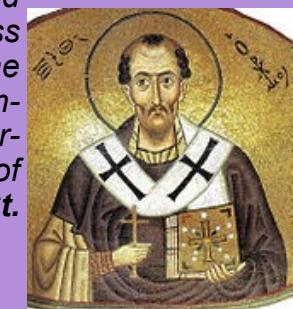
Sun. Jan. 8th: K-6gr. 9:15-10:15 AM

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**

"Even if you do not confess, God is not ignorant of the deed, since he knew it before it was committed. Why then do you not speak of it? Does the transgression become heavier by the confession? No, it becomes lighter and less troublesome. And this is why he wants you to confess: not that you should be punished, but that you should be forgiven; not that he may learn your sin—how could that be, since he has seen it? —but that you may learn what favor he bestows. He wishes you to learn the greatness of his grace, so that you may praise him perfectly, that you may be slower to sin, that you may be quicker to virtue. And if you do not confess the greatness of the need, you will not understand the enormous magnitude of his grace." — **St. John Chrysostom**



### December 18, 2022 - 4th Sunday of Advent

"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home." - Matthew 1:24

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. Joseph was a model of these pillars of our faith. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.