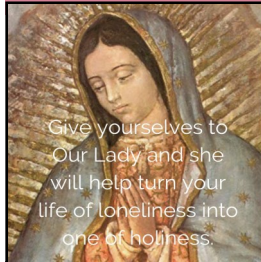


We Are People Of HOPE!

Today is the first Sunday of Advent. The purple candle we light today represents hope. God has been our source of hope throughout history. He is always with us. In turbulent and challenging times, He provides comfort. Even during the times of exile detailed in the Old Testament, God's promise of a Messiah was hope for the people. Those that did not live long enough to see the fulfilment of the promise still believed in it with their whole being. They passed that faith on to their children. Generation after generation kept the flame of hope alive. How blessed were those who witnessed the coming of Jesus!

Like those who lived in exile long ago, we are also faced with challenging situations. Some of us have personal demons, others must deal with injustices in society, and there are those struggling to survive from day to day. But here is our hope: Jesus has been born and is alive in our hearts! Advent is a time when we begin preparations to celebrate His coming. Yes, we are acknowledging Jesus' birth at Christmas. But He is already here! Sometimes we forget that. Let's open our hearts and let Him in. Let's use this time to remind ourselves of all the things the Lord has done for us. Jesus is the only hope for all humanity.



Eternal Father,
I offer Thee the most precious blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.

If the angels were capable of envy, they would envy us for two things; one is the **receiving of Holy Communion**, and the other is **suffering**.
~St. Faustina

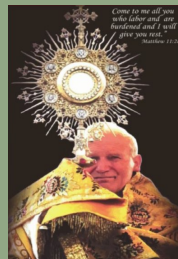
National Night of Prayer for the Unborn!

Come & Pray for the Protection of Human Life!

Sat., Dec. 8th; 8 PM to 12 AM
In the church

We ask the organizations to cover each hour. Join us when you can:

- 8 PM - Christian Mothers
- 9 PM - Youth Group
- 10 PM - Knights of Columbus
- 11 PM - Parish & Finance Council Members
- 11:50 PM - Benediction



We join Christians in prayer throughout the USA in an effort to:

- * Bring back the world to Christ.
- * Bring an end to abortion.
- * Establish a culture of life.
- * Preserve liberty and the protection of the faith in our nation
- * Pray for peace in the world.

St. Philip Neri Catholic Church



1st Sunday of Advent
Be Vigilant at all times - Lk 21:36

While lighting the 1st candle on our Advent wreath, we pray:

“Stir up Your Might, O Lord, and come! Under Your Shelter may we be graciously rescued from the dangers which threaten us due to our sins. By your deliverance may we finally be saved. We ask this Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Candle 1 represents HOPE!

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Immaculate Conception
Mary is Conceived without sin
Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Schedule:

	Dec. 7th	Dec. 8th
St. Philip Neri	7:30 PM	10 AM
Care Center		8:45 AM

Please join us this week for one of these three Holy Day Mass Times on Fri. & Sat.

This weekend, we celebrate the Welcome Rite. This is a Rite in which the unbaptized begin to become a member of the Catholic Church through Baptism, & it welcomes those already baptized either in the Catholic Church, or in another faith, into the process of full communion with the Church at Easter Vigil.

Welcome to Our Church:

Jordan Becker Jana Blue Arm
Dane Neary

Confessions: 1/2 hr before every Mass, 1 hour before Saturday Mass, OR by appointment. **Weddings:** Contact Fr. Pfeifer at least 6 months prior. **Baptisms:** Contact Fr. Pfeifer before Godparents are chosen.

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If you or a loved one are hospitalized, please let Father know if you want a visit or to be anointed.

December 2, 2018
First Sunday of Advent

Mon., Dec. 3.....7 PM
 +Peter J. Horner (Death) by Rose Horner & Family

Tue., Dec. 4.....7 PM
 +Maggie Haas by Anna Nolz

Wed., Dec. 5.....8 AM
 +John Schmitz by Jim & Jackie Bitz

Thu., Dec. 6.....8 AM
 +George Silbernagel by Vincent Silbernagel & Family

Fri., Dec. 7.....7:30 PM
 +Alois & +Regina (Death 12/8)
 Gross by John & Margie Bitz

Sat., Dec. 8 Care Center 8:45 AM
 +George & +Margaret Howarth

Sat., Dec. 8.....10 AM
 Our Parishioners

Sat., Dec. 8.....5 PM
 +Jared Jacob by Tony & Barb Braun


Sun., Dec. 9.....10 AM
 Our Parishioners


Sun., Dec. 9 Care Center 8:45 AM
 +Edward Moser by Adeline Moser

Helper: Wendy Haegele

Prayer Chain: In need of prayers? Contact Janet at 754-2295

40 members of our parish are available & willing to pray for you & your intention

 **Rosary 25 minutes before all weekend & daily masses.**

 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place from 5:30 AM Thursday until midnight Friday.

Stewardship of Treasure
Adults: \$3,721.00
Children: \$45.25

Parish Announcements

Happy New Year - Today, we begin a new church calendar year. This past year the Sunday gospel has come from St. Mark (Cycle B). This year (Cycle C) will focus on the Gospel of St. Luke.

A few people have inquired about how to get access to **Fr. Pfeifer's Sunday homilies**. They are here: <http://mybrotherjesus.com> (no www.) Just click on the homilies link, and it should be up to date.

Christmas Eve Children's Mass – we are looking for all students in grades K to 8, who would be willing to help us to do parts of the Mass at 4 PM on Mon., Dec. 24th. We need help with readers, altar servers, ushers, gift bearers, & to help carry the animals & manger pieces in our procession. If you would like to help, please contact Tanya in the parish office. If there are any students who are interested in singing at that Mass, please contact Danita Bitz at 321-0909.

Christmas Ornaments – Starting this weekend & the next two Sundays of Advent, the parish council will be selling Christmas ornaments for our live trees again. The ornament chosen this year is on display at the front entrance. \$10 for 1, \$7 for each additional.

St. Philip Neri Advent essay contest – As we start the process of getting our hearts and homes ready for the birth of Our Lord at Christmas, our parish will be hosting an essay contest in four age groups; 3rd–6th graders, 7th–9th graders, 10th – 12th graders, and adults up to age 110. A \$15 gift card will be awarded to each age group winner. The theme we have chosen for you to write about is: “What do I see when I look at the cross?” Please submit your essay to the office, or the display at the front entrance of the church by Dec. 16th. The essay should be no more than 300 words, & the name & age group of the writer should be written on the back of the essay.

Advent enrichment— For your Christmas preparation, we invite you to take one of two books in the entrance of the church this weekend. The first option is “*Daily Reflections for Advent & Christmas*”. This book has a reflection on the readings every day to the Epiphany. The second option is a book called “*Theotokos*” by Fr. Mark Toupes. This book is meant for daily prayer traveling to Bethlehem with Mary, the Mother of God. Please take time to prepare for Christmas.

Christmas Flowers—starting this weekend & for the next two weekends, envelopes will be placed in the pews for you to make a memorial gift toward the cost of poinsettias & decorations to adorn our altar for Christmas. All memorials will be listed in the bulletin.

Napoleon Penance Service - Sun., Dec. 16th at 7:30 PM (4 priests)

Attention 2nd grade parents & students—Just a reminder that our 2nd grade retreat day will take place on Sat., Dec. 15th from 9 AM—noon in the social hall. 2nd grade first confessions—Thur. Dec. 20th. We invite parents & children to give Jesus a pure heart for Christmas.

In order for parishioners to receive credit for **2018 giving**, donations need to be received in our office no later than Dec. 31, 2018 or in the offering basket at Masses no later than the 7:30 pm Mass on Dec. 31, 2018. Donations received on New Year's Day (January 1, 2019) or later will be credited to 2019. Thank you for your understanding.

Thank you to all who contributed to our **Thanksgiving Day Collection**. We raised \$430.13. These funds will be used to help our parishioners in need, or in hardship throughout the year.

Next weekend, Dec. 8th & 9th, a collection will be taken for the **retirement fund for the religious** who have served the church.

We extend a heartfelt **thank you** to our seminarian Zach Howick for all he has done around the parish & the impact he has made. We wish him well as he continues his studies to the priesthood at St. John Vianney Seminary in Denver. He will be leaving us on Dec. 17th.

Eric Seitz, seminarian at St. Philip Neri in the summer of 2017, will be ordained a transitional deacon on Saturday, December 15th at 10 AM at the Cathedral of St. Mary in Fargo. We pray for him & his preparation.

Christian Mothers Meeting – Tues., Dec. 4th after the 7 PM Mass. All Ladies are encouraged to attend. Bring snacks, stories, & lots of conversation. This is a **Christmas Party** with a short meeting.

Great Adventure Bible Timeline next class: Mon., Dec. 3rd
Session 17:Maccabean Revolt - Read 1 Maccabees 1-6

Knights of Columbus Council 4496 Events...

◇ **Right to Life Bingo** Sun., Dec. 2nd at 7 PM in the social hall.

For those who are doing the do-it-yourself retreat book, **33 Days to Morning Glory**. We encourage you to consecrate yourselves to Jesus through Mary on the Immaculate Conception, Dec. 7th & 8th, after Mass. Our seminarian Zach Howick, will give a talk on Tuesday, November 27th after the 7 PM Mass, in the social hall.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT WEEKEND Jan. 11 @ 6pm—Jan. 13 @ 3pm being held at St. Cecilia Catholic Church, Harvey. The weekend will include praise & worship, talks, testimony, discussion groups & more. Fr. Neil Pfeifer is the spiritual director. Register by Jan. 8, meals provided. A free will offering will be accepted. For more info contact Rosalie at 701-324-2706 or at raxtman@gondtc.com. Housing available in St. Cecilia's social center or in private homes.

Ponder this - The word rosary means ‘crown of roses,’ that is to say that every time people say the Rosary devoutly they place a crown of one hundred and fifty-three (Hail Mary's) white roses and sixteen (other prayers) red roses upon the head of Jesus and Mary. Being they are heavenly flowers, these roses will never fade or lose their exquisite beauty. - St. Louis de Montfort

 **St. Philip Neri Catholic Church**

Saturday, December 8th

<u>Sacristan</u>	Sue Wald
<u>Rosary</u>	Rick Regner
<u>Lectors</u>	Mary Schneider, Sue Wald
<u>Ushers/ Gift Bearers</u>	Deb H., Barb S.; Ann M. Lorraine P.
<u>Servers</u>	Payton Haas, Hunter Haas, Zach Howick
<u>EMHC</u>	Jess Grenz, Phyllis Johnson, Zach Howick

Sunday, December 9th

<u>Sacristan</u>	Doris Leier
<u>Rosary</u>	Tom Gross Family
<u>Lectors</u>	Danny Schmidt, Jon Grunfelder
<u>Ushers/ Gift Bearers</u>	Darrell Becker Family; Cheri G., Debbie S.
<u>Servers</u>	Dalton Feist, Logan Feist, Kaydra Kleppe, Claire Piatz, Zach Howick
<u>EMHC</u>	Angelica Revolorio, Cindy Weigel, Zach Howick