

What You Need to Know about Lent

The **Lenten Season** begins on Ash Wednesday (February 14) and ends with the beginning of the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday (March 29). This season has a **two-fold character**: 1. To prepare both Catechumens and Candidates (those preparing to enter full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil) and 2. To prepare the Faithful to celebrate the Paschal Mystery (the work of salvation wrought by the death and resurrection of Jesus). Both groups are encouraged to be more attentive to prayer and to the Word of God and to prepare themselves by penance for the renewal of their own baptismal promises at Easter. The three-fold works of Lent are PRAYER, FASTING, and ALMSGIVING.

PRAYER: The center of the Church's entire liturgical year is the **Scared Triduum**, (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday) - one feast comprised of three days. The entire Lenten season is devoted to preparation for this great celebration of the **Paschal Mystery**. Lent is marked by a starkness and simplicity: few decorations adorn the church, no Gloria at Mass, the Alleluia is omitted, and we gather for Mass in silence, as a way of emphasizing the somber nature of the sacred season. One commitment each of us should make is to take some time each day for prayer and meditation. Maybe make a commitment to get to daily Mass once or twice during the week (our 30 minute daily Masses are at 7:00 PM on Monday and Tuesday, 8:00 AM Wednesday and Thursday, and 5:00 PM on Friday). In terms of daily prayer, start small. Five or ten minutes. And be faithful to it. And watch it grow. The key is consistency and the development of habit. **(Read Hebrews 12)**

FASTING: Central to the Church's Lenten tradition is the ancient practice of fasting. There are only **two obligatory fast days** in the Church's calendar: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. **Catholics age 18 to 59 are required to fast**— to eat only one full meal on these days,

and, if necessary, supplement this with one or two smaller meals (together not equaling the size of the first). **Abstinence, required of all Catholics 14 and older, is obligatory on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays of Lent**—no meat is to be consumed on these days. Some individuals, following more ancient custom, abstain from meat throughout the season of Lent. Within the tradition, when fasts were more severe, Sunday was a day on which the sacrifices made during Lent could be relaxed. **(Read Isaiah 58)**

ALMSGIVING: The third ancient pillar of Lenten renewal is almsgiving, the gift of support, monetary and otherwise, to the poor. This year we have given you the choice to participate in one or two charitable causes: 1. **The St. Gianna Home in Warsaw, ND** which houses ladies with unplanned pregnancies and teaches them the values of being a mother, and raising their child with dignity. 2. **Operation Rice Bowl** is a national and international attempt to help individuals who are suffering to provide food, relief, and shelter. Please consider being generous in one of these two causes. This is our communal act of almsgiving. You are also encouraged to make an individual gift to those in need, to whom we are obligated by our share in the Eucharist. **(Read Luke 16)**



Mark 1:40-45

The Cleansing of a Leper.

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 11 February 2018

An illustration of Jesus, with long hair and a beard, wearing a white robe, kneeling and touching the hand of a man who is sitting on the ground, looking up at Jesus. The background is a textured, golden-brown wall.

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"Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." - 1 CORINTHIANS 10:31

Do a quick check of your priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If He's not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps us from putting other "gods" (like our pride and ego, money

and possessions to name a few) before God. Before making a decision, ask yourself, "Am I doing this for the glory of God or for the glory of me?"


St. Philip Neri Prayer Chain - Contact Janet Christmann Bitz at 754-2295 or janetbitz14@gmail.com


CCD - Grades K-6 on Sundays at 11:00 AM and Grades 7-12 on Wednesdays at 7:30-8:45 PM.

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.

**February 11, 2018
Sixth Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

Mon., Feb 12.....8 AM +Val Schmidt by Tony & +Rita Wangler & Family
Tue., Feb 13.....7 PM +Pete Horner by Bert & Mary Beth Schumacher
Wed., Feb 14 Care Center 8:45 AM +Leo & +Eva Roehrich by David & Peggy Anderson
Wed., Feb 14.....7:30 PM Ash Wednesday +Mary Brendel by The Family
Thurs., Feb 15.....8 AM +Alice Doll by Anna Nolz
Fri., Feb 165 PM +Carolyn Sperle by Paul & Wendy Haegele
Sat., Feb 17.....5 PM +Joey Hilzendegeer by Charlie & Roberta Johs
Sun., Feb 1810 AM <i>Our Parishioners</i>
Sun., Feb 18 Care Center 8:45 AM +Paul & +Christine Hartze by Laure Turner <i>Helper: Brenda Weigel</i>

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

 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place from 6 AM Thursday until midnight Friday.

**Stewardship of Treasure
This Week: \$3,856.75**

Online Giving in January:
\$3233 - Thank You!

Parish Announcements

Best Lent Ever? Sign up for a daily Lenten email at dynamic-catholic.com/bestlentever A great way to start your day!

Parish Online Giving: Avoid the hassle of using a weekly envelope by giving online. Visit stphilipinerinapoleon.org and click the link, donate online. Credit cards are secure and welcome.

Mentoring Marriage resumes Feb. 11th from 5:30 to 8 PM.

Fr. Pfeifer will be away after Mass on Thursday through Sunday, directing the Women's Cursillo in Harvey. Please pray for the women from our parish on this retreat. Fr. Jim Meyer, Pastor of Holy Cross in West Fargo, will be filling in for Father on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Please give Fr. Meyer a warm Napoleon welcome.

This weekend is **World Marriage Sunday**, so there will be a blessing for all married couples at the weekend Masses. We pray for good, solid marriages to be witnesses the world needs to live the gospel.

Stations of the Cross will be taking place on Fridays during Lent at 5:30 PM after the 5 PM daily Mass. **Starts Friday, February 16.**

Ash Wed. Mass times: 8:45 AM Care Center, 7:30 PM Parish.

Ash Wednesday – Why Ashes? We receive ashes in the form of a cross on our forehead as a reminder to “turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.” In receiving ashes, we embrace Jesus’ journey: the cross of suffering and the promise of the resurrection. We are marked as believers, as sinners, and as people in need of Christ’s forgiveness and salvation.

The next **St. Philip Neri pinocle tournament** will be Friday, March 2nd after Mass and Stations of the Cross. Register your team of two or as an individual in the main entrance by Wed., Feb. 28th. Entry fee is \$5/person payable the night of the tournament. All monies will be paid out at the end of the night to the winning teams.

WOMEN – Join us for a 6-hour retreat on March 10th from 9 AM to 3 PM. Theme: “Mary Pondered All These Things in Her Heart.” Watch for a sign up sheet in the front entrance of the church.

God’s Gift Appeal starts today. Acting as a family, the diocese and its churches can support programs and services no single individual or parish can offer by itself. Every gift to the Bishop’s appeal is vital and important. Please be as generous as possible. The diocesan goal is 3,130,850. Our parish goal is \$42,293.

Deepen your faith in the Eucharist this Lent! The Eucharistic Miracles of the World display is coming to St. Helena’s in Ellendale, ND on Feb. 23 – 25th. The display includes over 100 posters of documented and approved miracles from around the world. This is free and open to the public. Questions? Call 701-349-3297.

World Day of Prayer-Thurs., March 1st 7 PM at Trinity Lutheran.

Please pray for our candidates: Michelle Schumacher, Hunter Grenz, and Madi Grenz who are preparing to be received into full Communion (Confirmation & First Holy Communion) with the Catholic Church this Easter Vigil, March 31st.

MEN– Starting Feb. 20, join us for a Lenten DVD Series and workbook discussion called “**Be A Man**” by Fr. Larry Richards in the social hall every Tuesday morning during Lent from 6:50 – 7:50 AM.

Knights of Columbus Events:

KCs will be selling Tootsie Rolls after the Masses Feb. 10-11 to benefit ND Special Olympics. **KC Free Throw District Contest** at Napoleon School on Sun., Feb 11th. Shooting practice starts at 12:30 PM with the district contest starting at 1:30 PM. **KC Scholarship** - 2 seniors will be awarded in the Fargo Diocese this year. Open to all graduating seniors that are sons or daughters of current or past members. Deadline is February 21st at CCD. **K of C meeting** Feb. 26th after the 7 PM Mass with Pat Dolan of KC Insurance Office present.

RCIA – meets every Wednesday at 5:30 PM in the social hall.

Please grab Lenten Tithing Projects: 1st – St. Gianna Maternity Home Baby Bottle Project. 2nd – Catholic Relief Service Rice Bowl Project. Please participate in communal almsgiving this Lent.

Why do we give up meat on Fridays during Lent? Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, gave up His own body, His flesh, on a Friday so many years ago, for us. He went through the pain of that self-sacrifice, completely mindful of God the Father. Abstaining from meat is a self-sacrifice to remember that day and the blood that was shed. Warm blooded animals have blood in them and count as “meat.”

A few minutes of prayer a day can change your life! Apps: **Laudate** – Free. Has resources such as interactive rosary, the chaplet, daily Mass readings, the Liturgy of the Hours, the bible, the catechism, a daily examination of conscience, stations of the cross, Vatican documents, and prayers.

EWTN – Free. Largest religious media network in the world. Programming 24 hours a day. Live streams (TV and Radio), Talks/shows, on Demand Prayers, and a library of resources.

I-Breviary - Free. Pray the Liturgy of the Hours, the official prayer of the Church, which unites us with Catholics throughout the world.

A gift to the **St. Philip Neri Endowment Fund** is a beautiful memorial for a loved one at the time of death, on their birthday, and anniversary. An endowment is a gift that keeps on giving as the money draws annual interest, and as the account gets bigger and continues to grow, the parish benefits by receiving interest on the growing capital.

Check out **FORMED during Lent!** - stphilipneri.formed.org to register or sign in! Parish Code: **T2TKH2**

 **St. Philip Neri
Catholic Church**

Saturday, Feb. 17th

<u>Sacristan</u>	Wanda Wald
<u>Rosary</u>	Liz Moch
<u>Lectors</u>	Rick Regner, Mary Schneider
<u>Ushers/ Gift Bearers</u>	Joe & Charley Cichy; Rose G., Ron K.
<u>Servers</u>	Noah Becker, JT Fettig, Mason Fettig
<u>EMHC</u>	Barb Silbernagel, Paul Haegele, Helen Braun

Sunday, Feb. 18th

<u>Sacristan</u>	Coleen Piatz
<u>Rosary</u>	Richard Gross
<u>Lectors</u>	Mitch Leier, Angie Gerhardt
<u>Ushers/ Gift Bearers</u>	Janet D., Darcy P., Danny S., Debbie S.
<u>Servers</u>	Yikealo Breidenbach, Kaydra Kleppe, William Kleppe, Elodie Kuhn, Jada Schwarzenberger
<u>EMHC</u>	Kelly Breidenbach, Amber Fettig, Annette Schumacher