



National Marriage Sunday

This weekend is National Marriage Sunday. This list can help you find greater happiness in your marriage.

10 BEATITUDES OF MARRIED COUPLES

1. BLESSED ARE MARRIED COUPLES WHO COMFORT EACH OTHER -- who provide a refuge and sanctuary from the chill winds of the world; whose marriage is a heart from which comes peace, harmony, and warmth of soul and spirit.

2. BLESSED ARE MARRIED COUPLES WHO LISTEN TO EACH OTHER -- who listen to not only words, but non-verbal language of tone and expression; who listen to understand rather than to argue.

3. BLESSED ARE MARRIED COUPLES WHO SHOW AFFECTION -- who warm each other with their soothing touch; who remember that just as babies can die from lack of affection, so can marriages wither from a lack of closeness.

4. BLESSED ARE MARRIED COUPLES WHO RESPECT EACH OTHER -- who remember that the most important quality in marriage is to HONOR each other.

5. BLESSED ARE MARRIED COUPLES WHO CAN BE FRIENDS AND PARTNERS -- who remember that friendship can be a peaceful island, in a world of turmoil and strife; who can reflect upon the tranquility of future years shared with a true friend; who are not battling enemies under the same roof.

6. BLESSED ARE MARRIED COUPLES WHO ALLOW EACH OTHER TO BE UNIQUE -- who do not seek to force each other into a new mold that can only fit with much pain and discomfort; who accept the other as God made us.

7. BLESSED ARE MARRIED COUPLES WHO ARE OPEN WITH EACH OTHER -- who avoid secrets that cause suspicion and doubt; who trust and reveal themselves to each other just as a budding rose opens to reveal its beauty and fragrance.

8. BLESSED ARE MARRIED COUPLES WHO CHERISH THEIR UNION -- who let no one separate their togetherness, not another person, nor friend, nor worldly possessions.

9. BLESSED ARE MARRIED COUPLES WHO GIVE EACH OTHER APPROVAL -- who see that compliments encourage confidence in the other, while criticism divides; who do not point out the other's mistakes, for all too soon each will discover their own faults.

10. BLESSED ARE MARRIED COUPLES WHO LOVE ONE ANOTHER -- love is the river of life -- an eternal source of recreating one's self and each other. Above all else -- LOVE ONE ANOTHER, AS CHRIST HAS LOVED US.

Marriage Matters

*Communication is a gift to keep hearts open, building a healthy marriage. Starting this weekend, this corner will feature questions for you and your spouse to sit down and discuss. **Put away the gadgets** and make time for one another.*

- * Where in my job do I experience stress?
- * How do I feel when you do not defend me?
- * How do I feel when you are digging up past hurts?
- * When was the last time we had a date night, just you and me?

St. Philip Neri Catholic Church

A Discipleship Parish



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"For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." – Matthew 5:20

The scribes and Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law and often elevated themselves above others. Jesus is clear - it is the love you have in your heart that will get you to heaven. Simply following church rules out of obligation, not love, does not put you on the path to heaven. Attending Mass on Sunday and then gossiping about a fellow parishioner in the parking lot is an example of a modern day Pharisee.


Confessions: 1/2 hr before every Mass, 1 hour before Saturday Mass, OR by appointment.


Weddings: Contact Fr. Pfeifer at least 8 months prior.

Baptisms: Contact Fr. Pfeifer before Godparents are chosen.

February 12, 2017
Sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

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| Mon., Feb 13 7 PM +Joe & +Clara Leier by The Family |
| Tue., Feb 14 7 PM +Wendelin & +Katie Vetter by John & Margie Bitz |
| Wed., Feb 15 8 AM +Ervin & +Eilleen Geizler by John & Gracie Jangula |
| Thurs., Feb 16 8 AM +Betty Fettig by Margaret Fettig |
| Fri., Feb 17 8 AM +Andrew Schneider by Sally Schneider & Family |
| Sat., Feb 18 5 PM +Jeff Dewald by Janet Dewald & Family |
| Sun., Feb 19 10 AM Our Parishioners |
| Sunday Care Center 8:45 AM +George & +Margaret Howarth @ Care Center Helper: Brenda Weigel |

 Rosary 25 minutes before weekend Masses.

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

Stewardship of Treasure
This Week: \$ 4,782.43

Parish Announcements

Right to Life Bingo will be Sun., Feb. 12 at 7 pm. **KC Breakfast** will be Sunday, Feb. 26.

Finance council meeting on Wed., Feb. 15th at 4 PM.

Home Enthronements will be starting this week and hopefully wrapping up before Easter. We had 119 homes sign up for a blessing and an enthronement. Thank you for your “yes” and response to this worthy cause.

Cursillo - Feb. 16th - 19th (Women’s) in Harvey, directed by Fr. Pfeifer). Register online or call the office. cursillond.org/

Fr Pfeifer will be away after Mass Feb. 16 - Feb. 19 directing the women’s Cursillo in Harvey. Fr. Cote will be here for Masses on Fri., Feb.17 - Feb. 19. Please give him a warm Napoleon welcome as he returns to the parish where he was assigned as a newly ordained priest. **There will be no daily Mass Mon. Feb. 20th** as Fr. will be attending the **RP Radio Banquet**.

This Sunday is **National Marriage Sunday**. Fr. Pfeifer will be blessing all marriages at the end of this weekend’s Masses.

NO CCD Feb. 15th for high school students. No CCD for grades 1-6 on Sun., Feb. 19 due to winter break.

Thank you - St. Philip Neri Parish would like to thank the Christian Mothers for the two new deacon white dalmatics that will be worn by our deacons during Mass. Many thanks for all of your efforts and numerous hours of volunteer service for our parish.

Men ages 16-40 - Bishop Folda will visit Napoleon on Sun., March 21 for Operation Andrew, a dinner opportunity. Purpose will be to discuss vocations. You will hear from priests and seminarians. If interested, talk to Fr. Neil Pfeifer. Please pray and consider inviting two or three young men to this event.

Unbound - Fr. Pfeifer invites you to join him and others for an 8 week class titled “Unbound” which will take place for eight consecutive weeks on Tuesday nights following the 7 PM Mass starting Feb. 28. This class teaches us how to take hold of the freedom that has been given to us in Christ. There will be a series of videos and a book and workbook for us to follow. Unbound is a deliverance prayer ministry that helps people respond to the good news of the gospel and apply the truth to their lives using the Five Keys (Repentance & Faith, Forgiveness, Renunciation, Authority, Father's Blessing).

The Napoleon Care Center will host the **Napoleon World Day of Prayer** on **Sun., March 5th at 2:30 - 4 pm** in their Dining Room. The churches from the community have planned a service of worship including guest speaker Father Pfeifer. Prayers and special music will be followed by a time of fellowship with the NCC/Assisted Living residents. This World Day of Prayer will coincide with the Care Center Bake Sale.

Announcements, Cont.

St. Philip Neri Parish Inquiry Class - Monday nights throughout the year from 7:40 to 8:40. All are welcome!

Feb. 13 - Commandments 7, 8, and 10 - Social Justice, Precepts of the church, the 8 Beatitudes

Feb. 20 - No Class. Real Presence Radio Banquet

Feb. 27 - Baptism and Confirmation (Intro to the 7 Sacraments, Baptism: Necessity and Grace, Confirmation: Signs and effects)

God’s Gift Appeal starts today. Acting as a family, we can support programs and services no single individual or parish can offer by itself. Every gift is vital and important. Please be as generous as possible. The diocesan goal is \$3,050,000. Our Parish goal is \$40,095.

Thank you for your generous support of the **Peter’s Pence Collection!** As a parish, we collected \$1208. Our contributions will be combined with those from our brothers and sisters around the world to help Pope Francis provide essential relief to people in need.

Decora - Discover your Feminine Genius event for women ages 13 -21+ on Sat., Feb. 25 at the NDSU Alumni Center. Say “yes” to the truth, beauty, and goodness of femininity. (13-16 year olds need to be accompanied by an adult mother or female mentor). Call Renee at 701-361-3170 or register at fargodiocese.org/decora.

Vianney Discernment Weekend Feb. 17-19 at Maryvale in Valley City - Fun, prayer, games, and discernment for young men (ages 16-40) considering priesthood. Contact Fr. Pfeifer or Fr. Gunwall at 701 -356-7957 or email vocations@fargodiocese.org. Cost is free.

Statement released to the Diocese of Fargo by Bishop Folda - “I wish to express my outrage and objection to the article on the front page of the Feb. 4th Fargo Forum. The subject of the interview, a Mr. Pete Tefft, insisted that the interview be conducted on the premises of St. Mary’s Cathedral in Fargo without permission of church authorities, which most certainly would not have been given, especially given the contents of the story and the message presented by Mr. Tefft. The views of Mr. Tefft in no way represent the Catholic Church or the Diocese of Fargo. Mr. Tefft and the Forum’s abuse of this place of worship is regrettable, and any confusion it has caused is their responsibility.”

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KC Senior Scholarships - The KCs of ND will be awarding two \$500 college scholarships in the Diocese of Fargo for those who are high school graduating seniors. The contest is open to all seniors who are sons and daughters of current or past KC members. The applications were handed out to the seniors at religion on Feb.8th. Deadline is Feb. 22.

 **St. Philip Neri Catholic Church**

Saturday, February 18th

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| <u>Sacristan</u> | Phyllis Johnson |
| <u>Rosary</u> | Liz Moch |
| <u>Lectors</u> | Paul Haegele, Phyllis Johnson |
| <u>Ushers/ Gift Bearers</u> | S. Holt, B. Silbernagel; Terry Weigel Family |
| <u>Servers</u> | William Kleppe, Charmaine Haas, Sabrina Haas |
| <u>EMHC</u> | Jim Fettig, Anita Fettig, Phyllis Johnson |

Sunday, February 19th

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| <u>Sacristan</u> | Janet Dewald |
| <u>Rosary</u> | Danny Schmidt |
| <u>Lectors</u> | Roni Schwartzenberger, John Miller |
| <u>Ushers/ Gift Bearers</u> | Darcy Piatz, Deb Sperle; Jim Bitz Family |
| <u>Servers</u> | Jamison Fettig, Tucker Schneider, Noah Becker, Claire Piatz, Anna Bitz |
| <u>EMHC</u> | Kelly Breidenbach, Lori Gross, Jackie Grunefelder |