



Christmas is only a week away! Isn't it exciting? It's like when it's getting really close to your birthday, except that people all over the world are going to be celebrating Christmas! We should help make Jesus' birthday as special as we can!

I CAN WASH THE SINK FOR MOM!



If your family has an Advent wreath, this week all four of the candles will be lit. This represents the light of Jesus coming

closer and getting brighter. Jesus is the light of the world. If we want to make Christmas beautiful, then we should make our own lives shine with the love of Jesus.

HERE, I'LL HELP YOU PICK UP THE TOYS.



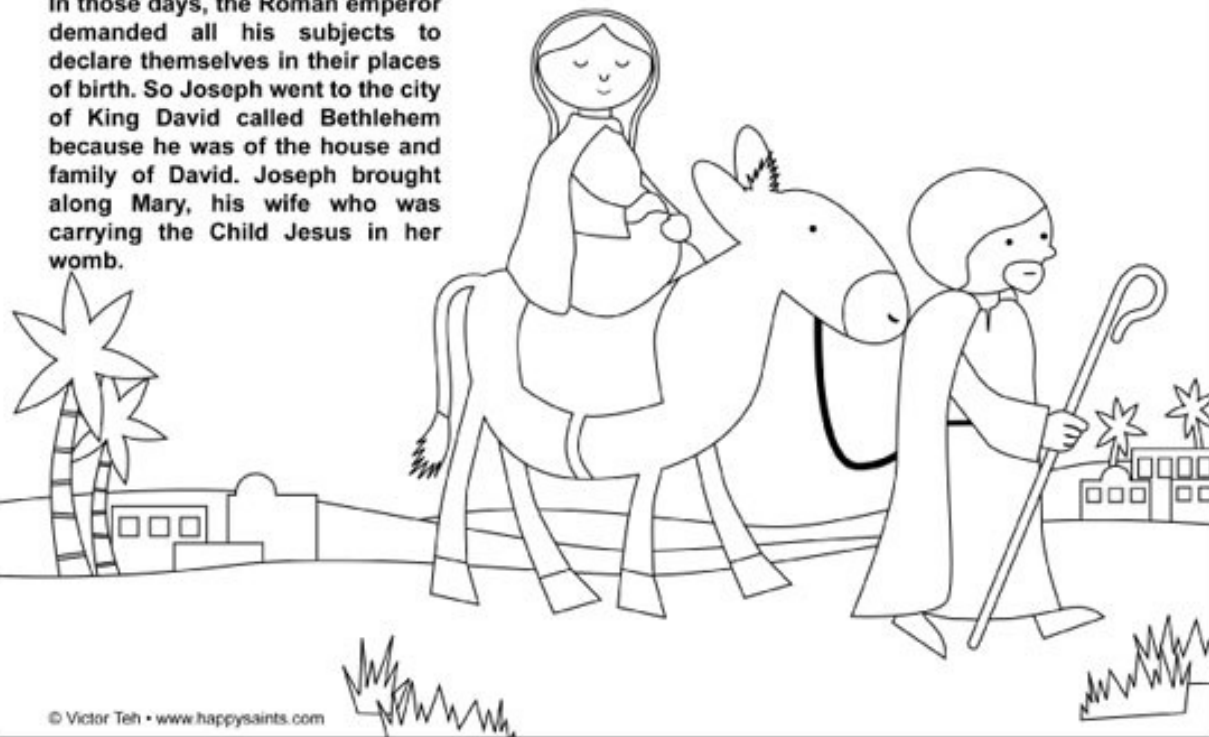
HI DAD! I VACUUMED UNDER YOUR DESK!



Does your family have a Christmas tree? Are there lights on it? Do you have Christmas lights on your house? All the little lights you see can represent all the people whose lives are lit up with the love of God. Or maybe they can represent all the good things you can do to brighten up other people's lives! Think of some things you can do this week to love God and bring His love to your family and your friends and neighbours.

The Journey to Bethlehem

In those days, the Roman emperor demanded all his subjects to declare themselves in their places of birth. So Joseph went to the city of King David called Bethlehem because he was of the house and family of David. Joseph brought along Mary, his wife who was carrying the Child Jesus in her womb.



St. Philip Neri Catholic Church A Discipleship Parish

Fourth Sunday
of Advent

Candle of

Love



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


Put complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Strive to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. 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.

**December 18, 2016
Fourth Sunday
Of Advent**

Mon., Dec 197 PM +Charles Skalsky by Nick & Kelly Breidenbach Family
Tue., Dec 207 PM The Health of Theresa Marquart by Betty Aberle Family
Wed., Dec 218 AM +Betty Fettig by Joe & Meredith Gross
Thurs., Dec 228 AM +Joe Fettig by Margaret Fettig
Fri., Dec 238 AM +John Engelhardt (Names Day) by The Family
Sat., Dec 244 PM +Roy Pfeifer
Sun., Dec 2512 AM Midnight Mass For Our Parishioners
Sun., Dec 25.....10 AM +Magdalena O. Sperle (Death anni) by Ann Sperle & Family
Sunday Care Center 8:45 AM Helper: Phyllis Johnson

 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: \$ 4,802.59

Parish Announcements

Extra Confession Times (in addition to 1/2 before each Mass): Confessions will be heard from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM on: 12/20, 12/21, 12/22, and 12/23 (Tuesday through Friday) unless there is a funeral. On Friday 12/23, Reconciliation will also be from 6:00-8:00 PM. If these times don't work, call the office for appointment.

Advent Reconciliation Service on Sun., Dec. 18th at 7:30 PM until all confessions are heard. Three priests will be available. All parishioners are encouraged to take advantage of these opportunities and make a good confession before Christmas. The greatest gift you can give to the Birthday Boy is a clean soul! Don't forget to do something for Him; He loves you!

Looking for a Christmas gift or stocking stuffer? Please check out the front entrance of the church and see the new books and CDs that are for sale! As a reminder: don't forget to check out many great selections for your reading enjoyment in our parish library located in the room next to the parish office.

Christmas Angel Trees - This weekend will be the last chance to get your angel ornaments placed before Christmas. They are \$10 for first angel and \$7 for each additional angel. You can take your purchased angels home on Epiphany weekend, Jan. 7 and 8. Purchasing angels makes great memorials for deceased or living family members, Godchildren, grandparents, siblings, or other intentions. It makes a great gift.

Fr. Pfeifer will be doing his last talk in his Advent Series on Tues., 12/20 from 10-10:30 AM on Catholic Radio. The stations are 91.7 FM Bis/Man and 99.7 FM out of Jamestown.

Christian Mother's Christmas Party will be Tues. Jan. 3rd following the 7 PM mass. There will be bingo and a potluck. Spouses are invited.

St. Boniface Prints for \$100 framed or \$40 unframed. Please contact Cheryl Weigel at 332-6663 or Jackie Weigel at 332-6625 if you are interested in purchasing a print.

St. Philip Neri H.S. seniors will be traveling to Rome with Fr. Pfeifer on Dec. 27 - Jan. 4. This will not affect the weekend Mass schedule as Fr. Tim Johnson will cover the weekend Mass and confession duties. The daily Masses during this time will be on Thursday, Dec. 29th at 7 PM and Tues. Jan. 3 at 7 PM. Fr. Kantanga will be coming from Wishek to cover these Mass times and will be the priest to contact in case of emergency while Fr. Pfeifer is gone. His number is 701-452-2970.

Announcements, Cont.

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

December 19th - Mary and the Saints (Mary in God's Plan, Immaculate Conception, Assumption, the communion of the saints)

December 26th - No Class

Monday night classes will resume on **Jan. 19** - Prayer (Why prayer matters?, types of prayer, vocal, meditation, contemplation, Lectio Divina, The Lord's Prayer, Hail Mary, the Rosary)

A special thank you to all who decorated the church for "Old Fashioned Christmas," which was canceled due to weather. We are looking for volunteers to help finish the Christmas decorating on Thurs., Dec. 22nd at 1:00 PM. Please contact the office if you would like to lend us a hand.

St. Philip Neri extends sympathy to the families of **Joey Hilzendegeer & Tony Aberle** who recently died. Joey's funeral was this past week. Tony's funeral will be on **Mon., Dec. 19th at 11 AM.** Please keep their families in your daily prayers.

End of year donations: Thank you for your generosity and monetary contributions to our parish during the past year. All additional donations and contributions to St. Philip Neri Church, which you would like claimed in the 2016 fiscal year, must be received by December 31 in order to be recorded on our records.

**CHRISTMAS
MASS
TIMES**



Christmas Mass Times- Sat., Dec. 24 at 4 PM (Children's Mass); Sun., Dec. 25 - 12 AM Midnight Mass, 10 AM (regular Mass time) & 8:45 AM at the Care Center.

Allergy Notice: For those with allergies, incense will be used at all Masses except at the Care Center.

Volunteers needed - Volunteers are needed to sign up on the table in the back to help us cover Midnight Mass. Please help us out if you are around!

On Christmas day, we will have 10 AM Mass like usual. Please find a sub if you are scheduled and will be gone.

Christmas Eve Children's Mass at 4 PM on Sat., Dec. 24th. We will have students who are currently in grades 1-8 participating in the Mass as lectors, altar servers, & gift bearers. If you have not signed up to help with the children's Mass you can still do so by calling Tanya at the office.

	Saturday, Dec 24
<u>Sacristan</u>	Phyllis Johnson
<u>Lectors</u>	Janae Weigel, Charmaine Haas
<u>Ushers/ Gift Bearers</u>	Kylie Breidenbach, Kelsie Breidenbach, McKenzie Haas, Sabrina Haas
<u>Servers</u>	Yikealo Breidenbach, Tucker Schneider, Jada Schwartz, Logan Feist, Payton Haas
<u>EMHC</u>	Cindy Weigel, Mary Schwartz, Kelly Breidenbach

	Sunday, Dec 25
<u>Sacristan</u>	Mark Wangler
<u>Lectors</u>	Tim Long, Danny Schmidt
<u>Ushers/ Gift Bearers</u>	J. & C. Schwartz, S. Gross Family
<u>Servers</u>	Claire Piatz, Anna Bitz, Carly Bitz, Jacob Bitz, Peyton Grunefelder,
<u>EMHC</u>	Cheri Glatt, Annette Schumacher, Lori Gross