

## Who Is Great In The Eyes Of God?

Today's gospel says, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Using that as a guide, name 5 people (besides Jesus) that would be great in the eyes of God. Mother Teresa would probably be near the top of the list. Martyrs and saints, probably, but name someone more contemporary. Martin Luther King, Jr.? Perhaps. And... and... and... hmm... this exercise may take a bit more time. Does that mean unless we are willing to give up our lives here and move to Calcutta, we will never be great to God?

Of course not! Mother Teresa and Martin Luther King, Jr. are very unusual in

that they have achieved world fame. There are thousands of people who are great in the eyes of God every day. We just rarely hear about them as they quietly go about their days doing what pleases God.

Each time our actions are motivated by love for another, God smiles at our greatness. It is when we act from a place of selfishness that we cause Him pain. Each day we are given many opportunities to be great. And when we fail, we must repent and try to do better. Then God forgives, forgets, and looks for us to be great at the next opportunity.

My past, O Lord, to Your mercy! My present, O Lord, to Your love! My future, O Lord, to Your Providence....St. Padre Pio



On the first Saturday of 5 consecutive months, we invite you to:

- 1.) Make a good confession
- 2.) Receive Holy Communion (Mass)
- 3.) Pray the Rosary
- 4.) Keep our Lady company for 15 minutes while meditating on the 15 mysteries of the Rosary
- 5.) All to be done with the intention of making reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

The Five Precepts of the Church are a good starting point to see how you are doing on your journey with the Lord and where more discipline is needed to achieve the desires that the Church is asking us to fulfill.

These five points are understood as a bare minimum standard for a fully initiated Catholic (that is one who has received Baptism, Confirmation, & Holy Communion).

1. Attend Mass on Sunday's and Holy Day's of Obligation (Jan. 1-The Feast of Mary, 40 Days after Easter-Ascension, Aug. 15-Assumption of Mary, Nov. 1-All Saints Day, Dec. 8-Immaculate Conception, & Dec. 25-Christmas)
  2. Go to Confession at least one time a year.
  3. Receive the Holy Eucharist at least once a year during the Easter Season
  4. Observe the days of fasting & abstinence established by the Church (Ash Wed., Good Friday, & all Friday's during Lent).
  5. Provide for the needs of the church
- These are the foundation of a follower of Jesus!

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## Thank You To All Who Give Of Their Time & Talent To Our Parish

Last weekend, we invited every family to respond to your commitment of faith in Christ and to serve Him by serving our parish family in the Time & Talent Form. If you were away for the weekend, or you took yours home; extra forms are available in the front entrance of the church. Please take some time to fill one of these out. It is a great way for you to get involved in the parish.  
**REGISTERED HOUSEHOLDS: 281 PARISHIONERS: 742**

Thank you to the Christians Mother's & the Howarth Trust Fund for the new parish sign.

**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.

**September 23, 2018**  
**Twenty-Fifth Sunday**  
**in Ordinary Time**

Mon., Sept 24.....NO MASS  
*Fr. Pfeifer to say Mass on retreat*  
*+Joe G. Gross by Mary Ann*  
*Gross & Family*

**Tue., Sept 25.....7 PM**  
 Fr. Katanga Celebrating here  
*Special Intentions for the Schumacher Family by Bert & Mary Beth Schumacher*

*Fr. Pfeifer to say Mass on retreat*  
*+Tim Gross by Blaine & Bernie Schock*

Wed., Sept 26..... NO MASS  
*Fr. Pfeifer to say Mass on retreat*  
*Health of Rita Schmitz by Jim & Jackie Bitz Family*

**Thurs., Sept 27.....7 PM**  
 Fr. Katanga Celebrating here  
*+Eugene Horner (Wedding Anni)*  
*by Irene Horner & Family*

*Fr. Pfeifer to say Mass on retreat*  
*+Leona Regner by Nick & Kelly Breidenbach Family*

Fri., Sept 28.....NO MASS  
*Fr. Pfeifer to say Mass on retreat*  
*+Rita Wangler by Tony Wangler*

Sat., Sept 29.....8 PM  
*+Joe & +Elizabeth Braun by Tony & Barb Braun*

Sun., Sept 30.....10 AM  
*Our Parishioners*

Sun., Sept 30 Care Center 8:45 AM  
*+Paul & +Christine Hartze by Laure Turner*

*Helper: Brenda Weigel*

**Stewardship of Treasure**  
**Adults: \$3,689.94**  
**Children: \$122.00**

**Parish Announcements**

“Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate.” Congratulations to **Jared & Shantel Reis** who were joined in Holy Matrimony at our parish this weekend.

Fr. Pfeifer will be away this week, Monday–Friday, for his **annual retreat**. Please keep him in your prayers. In his absence.....

<b>Tues. &amp; Thurs. this week</b> Rosary at 6:35, Mass at 7 PM with Fr. Katanga from Wishek	<b>Mon., Wed., &amp; Fri. this week</b> Rosary at 6:35, Liturgy of the Hours at 7 PM led by the Deacons
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**Saturday night Mass** time switches from 8 PM to 5 PM on Oct 6.

**Christian Mothers Upcoming Events...**

- ♦ **Meeting** - Tues., Oct. 2nd at 7:35 PM All women invited!
- ♦ **1st Sun. of the Month** breakfast will be Oct. 7th 8:15–9:15 AM in the social hall.

**Knights of Columbus Council 4496 Events...**

- ♦ **Meeting** - Mon., Sept. 24th at 7:45 PM. New member are invited!
- ♦ **Right to Life Bingo** - Sun., Oct. 7th at 7 PM in the social hall.

**Youth Upcoming Event**

**Diocesan Youth Rally to be hosted in Napoleon** on Sat. Oct. 13th from 9:30 AM to 9 PM. Paul Kim, a national youth motivational speaker, will be giving the keynote address to the youth in grades 9 to 12 from our Diocese. **Bishop Folda** will be in attendance and spending time with the students in a question & answer session. He will also be leading a Eucharistic Procession from the high to school to St. Philip Neri, in time to have Benediction, before the 5 PM Vigil Mass here at the church. Bishop Folda will be presiding at this Mass for the Parish & Youth.

**Volunteers are needed** during the Youth Rally to spend one hour of adoration in the presence of our Lord in the Kindergarten Room at the Napoleon Public School. If you can take one of the hours between 10 AM—4 PM, please call Maria Regner at 754-2474.

**St. Philip Neri Life Teen Night - Wed. Sept. 26th**  
 God Give Me More...NOW...Jesus Teaches Us How To Pray!  
 Follow Us on Facebook: St. Philip Neri Life Teen

**Rosary for Life—Join Us At The Grotto of Our Lady**  
**Every Wed. night 6:30 PM from Sept. 26–Nov. 4**

**Pray & Fast for the Sanctity of Human Life**



To register for an hour of prayer at the Red River Women’s Clinic, you can go online to [www.40daysforlifend.com](http://www.40daysforlifend.com) or email [phc@polarcomm.com](mailto:phc@polarcomm.com) or call: 701-284-6601 Prayer will be at 512 1st Ave North in Fargo.



**St. Francis Pet Blessing**  
**Sunday, October 7th at 12 PM**  
 Bring your pets to the north parking lot for a blessing. All pets should be kept in control by the owner (leash or kennel).

**Youth Opportunities**

**Altar Servers needed** - Any student who has been confirmed, & received 1st Communion in grades 4 and older is encouraged to consider serving at the Lord’s Altar. It is an excellent way to learn about the Mass, to grow in faith & love of God & His Church, to learn to pray better, & to give back to your parish! Please contact Deacon Allen at 754-2874 to arrange a time for training. **Reminder to all servers**, whoever serves 12 times a year through their four years in high school is eligible for a scholarship at the end of their senior year.

**Musician scholarship** – the parish finance council is offering a scholarship for any student who is willing to play organ or piano once a month through their senior year in high school. A scholarship will be given on Baccalaureate Sunday. For more info contact the office.

**New prayer board** – We invite you to check out our new vocation board located outside of the adoration chapel. We added a new board because we have 6 new men who have signed up as seminarians for our diocese this fall. **Our prayers are working.** We ask that you commit to one hour of adoration & offer it up for one of the seminarians or religious who are discerning their vocations, and signing your name on their card. When the cards are full, we send them the cards.

**NO RCIA this week** as Fr. is away  
 Next Class: **Oct. 4: Creation and Angels!** - Join us at 7 PM

**Holy Communion for those Homebound or in the Care Center**—An important ministry of our parish is to make sure that our parishioners, who can’t make it to a weekend Mass, have the opportunity to receive the Eucharist on Saturday nights. If you know of a parishioner who does not have the opportunity to receive Holy Communion on the weekend, please contact Deacon Gary at 754–2579.

**The Great Adventure Bible Timeline next class: Oct. 1—7:35 PM**  
 1st & 3rd Monday of the month after daily Mass

**Mass Census** – During the month of Oct., Bishop Folda has asked every parish to do census over 3 weekends. Bishop uses this info to help him plan for the future, & so he knows who is coming to church.



—**Pinochle Tournament with potluck**—  
**Sat., Oct. 6th after the 5 PM Vigil Mass**  
 Register your team of two or as an individual at the main entrance of the church by Wed., Oct. 3rd. Entry fee is 5.00/person payable the night of the event. All monies will be paid out at the end of the night to the winning teams. Bring a dish to share!

**St. Philip Neri Catholic Church**

Saturday, September 29th

<u>Sacristan</u>	Dawn Becker
<u>Rosary</u>	Liz Moch
<u>Lectors</u>	Mary Schneider, Zach Howick
<u>Ushers/ Gift Bearers</u>	Steph H., Barb S.; Ron Schumacher Family
<u>Servers</u>	McKenzie Haas, Brooklyn Hottman, Zach Howick
<u>EMHC</u>	Paul Haegele, Annette Schumacher, Zach Howick

Sunday, September 30th

<u>Sacristan</u>	Wanda Wald
<u>Rosary</u>	Richard Gross
<u>Lectors</u>	John Miller, Danny Schmidt
<u>Ushers/ Gift Bearers</u>	J.&C. Schwitzenberger, Taylor Grunfelder Family
<u>Servers</u>	Yikealo Breidenbach, Riley Dewald, Kaydra Kleppe, Jackson Piatz, Janae Weigel
<u>EMHC</u>	Amber Fettig, Jim Fettig, Lori Gross