

LIVING DISCIPLESHIP

Keeping Holy the Sabbath from the Catechism of the Catholic Church

2185 On Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are to refrain from engaging in work or activities that hinder the worship owed to God, the joy proper to the Lord's Day, the performance of the works of mercy, and the appropriate relaxation of mind and body. Family needs or important social service can legitimately excuse from the obligation of Sunday rest. The faithful should see to it that legitimate excuses do not lead to habits prejudicial to religion, family life, and health.

Discipleship Session

Points to pray about and discuss at your next discipleship:

1. What struggles arise in keeping the Sunday as a day for the Lord?
2. What have been areas in your life where it has been easy to trust Jesus; in what areas has it been hard?
3. What activities does God ask of us on the Sabbath according to quote from CCC above? How could your life conform to them even more?

The Lord's Day

Sunday is an amazing day, a day getting rest & refreshment in a very busy world. The Sabbath rest was given to us as a gift by God to remind us that he has freed us from slavery & we no longer have to work everyday. In Fatherly love God has even made a commandment not to work on this day. Implicit in this is that the very God who freed us from slavery will take care of us & provide for our needs.

It is pretty neat to think about this.

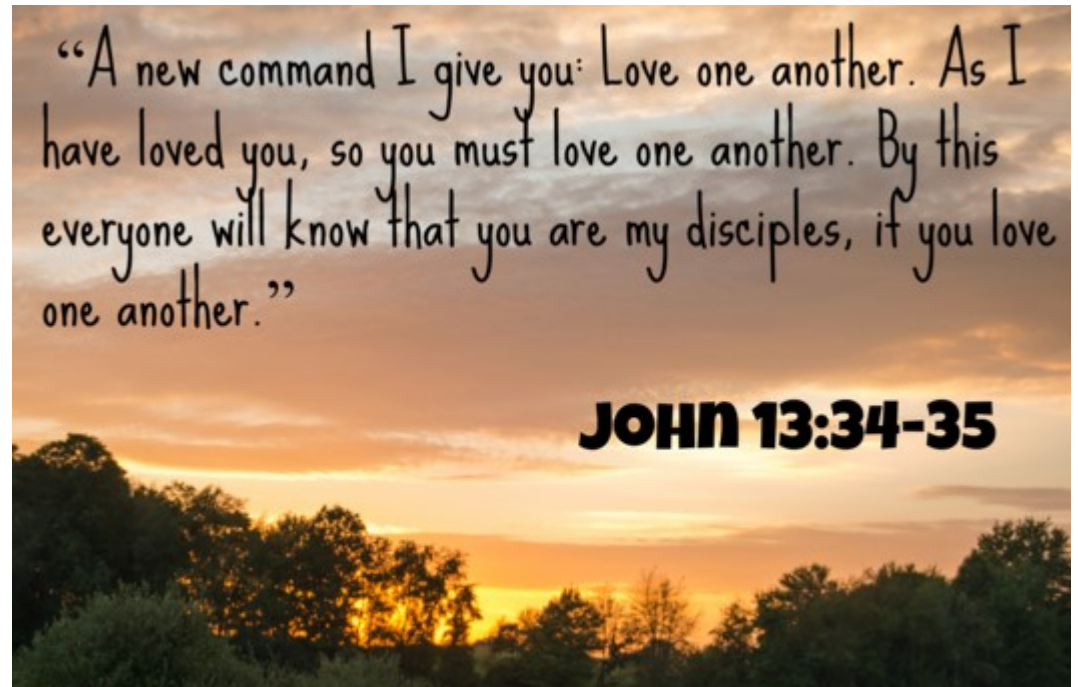
We acknowledge that on our end this can be tough in fact, the Israelites struggled with this as we do today. We worry & think we will get behind or will loose out if we don't work on Sundays. We make excuses & call unnecessary work necessary to ease our worry & do our own will. This cannot be for us who are disciples. We are called to be different & to trust in Jesus & receive His gift of rest. In this there are some comparisons to tithing. Do we trust that God will take care of us? Do we recognize that we are stewards of God's gifts & that the mere fact that we can work is a gift from God? It used to be that no one worked on Sundays except perhaps those who had no fear of God. Now we who have even more resources & bigger machines have somehow said it is necessary to work on Sunday. Perhaps we have pushed God and His providential love out of our lives. Perhaps one of the key ways people will know we follow Jesus is by keeping Sunday as the Lord's Day.

Sunday - Day for Discipleship

Sunday makes a great day for discipleship. No matter how busy our lives are, Sunday is a day of rest. It is a day for our families which by all means includes our parish family. Balance is important but what a powerful witness, to give your family, to take some time to journey with one another in relationship with God. This might mean a little less football but in the end it will bring us greater happiness and a far greater reward.

St. Philip Neri Catholic Church

A Discipleship Parish



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Encountering Jesus in the 7 Sacraments:

Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Confession, Anointing of the Sick, Marriage, Holy Orders

Imagine after following many clues to come upon the treasure box of your quest. Opening this treasure box with all its riches gives us the mildest analogy about what baptism is. Baptism opens for us a treasure of grace. All the sacraments and the communion of the saints are opened up to us. We become an adopted son of the Father in Jesus and God Himself comes and dwells within us. Baptism is an unearned gift and bestows on us eternal life. Our role then is to live in this grace and reality, going to confession as needed to restore the treasures our heart has been given by being in relationship with the one true God.



Baptismal Prayer:

Baptism puts us into relationship with God. Prayer is the means of conversation that allows this relationship to deepen. It follows the natural progression. A child is born to a family & a deep relationship exists even if the child is not aware of this. As the child grows, conversation begins as well as a maturing in the relationship. It is important then for us to mature in our baptism as well through conversation with God. This is prayer & hence the need for our prayer to be relational & thus truly reflect the reality of our Baptism. Begin today by being more attentive to talking to God and listening to Him.

**April 24, 2016
Fifth Sunday
of Easter**

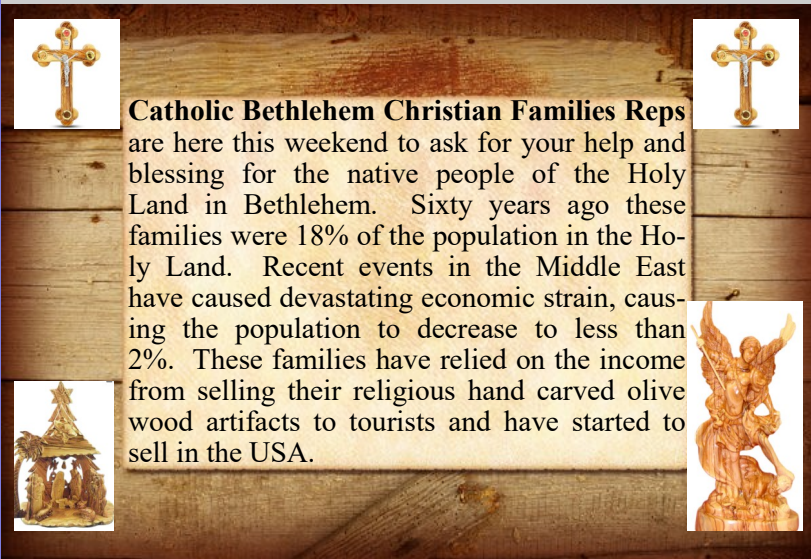
*Please note the change in Mass times this week on account of Father being out of town Tuesday.

Mon., Apr 25 5 PM <i>Health of Martin Joseph Leier Jr. by Martin & Maggie Leier</i>
Tue., Apr 26 8 AM <i>+Joe & +Clara Leier by The Family</i>
Wed., Apr 27 8 AM <i>+Wayne Bridges (Death 4/27 Birth 5/7) by Mary Fettig</i>
Thurs., Apr 28 8 AM <i>+Andrew Schneider by Elmer Neigum</i>
Fri., Apr 29 8 AM <i>+Michael Gross (anni.) by Steve & Lori Gross Family</i>
Sat., Apr 30 5 PM <i>For Our Parishioners</i>
Sun., May 1 10 AM <i>+Bill Schmitt by Delrose Schmitt</i>
Sunday Care Center 8:45 AM <i>Helper: Lorraine Reis</i>



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

Parish Announcements



Catholic Bethlehem Christian Families Reps are here this weekend to ask for your help and blessing for the native people of the Holy Land in Bethlehem. Sixty years ago these families were 18% of the population in the Holy Land. Recent events in the Middle East have caused devastating economic strain, causing the population to decrease to less than 2%. These families have relied on the income from selling their religious hand carved olive wood artifacts to tourists and have started to sell in the USA.

Sunday, May 1st, Announcements

Next Sunday, May 1, the Seniors will be leading the Rosary at 9:35 a.m. The Crowning of Mary will be immediately following the Rosary. The seniors should arrive at the church at 9:25 a.m. and the Mass will be in Honor of the Class of 2016.

May 1st is the last class of CCD for grades 1-6.

Wed, May 11th is the last class for grades 7-9 as it is the scheduled make up day for our missed Dec. 18th class. The last class for grades 10-12 will be May 4th as they went to Bismarck for Bishop Barron talk and the Vocations Jamboree. This Wed., April 27th, is a youth night so as usual will go from 7:30-9 PM with the meeting of Youth Discipleship groups.

Rosary before all weekend Masses in May.

Friday Mass will change from 5 PM to 8 AM for the summer months starting April 29.

Will and Estate Planning at 7:30 p.m. on May 10th at St. Philip Neri - For all those who are planning to create a will or simply updating the one you already have, this seminar may be for you. Steve Schons, Dir. of Stewardship and Development for the Diocese of Fargo, will be here to provide some helpful tips including the key elements of a will, explanation of terminology, and a booklet to get you started with organizing your information.

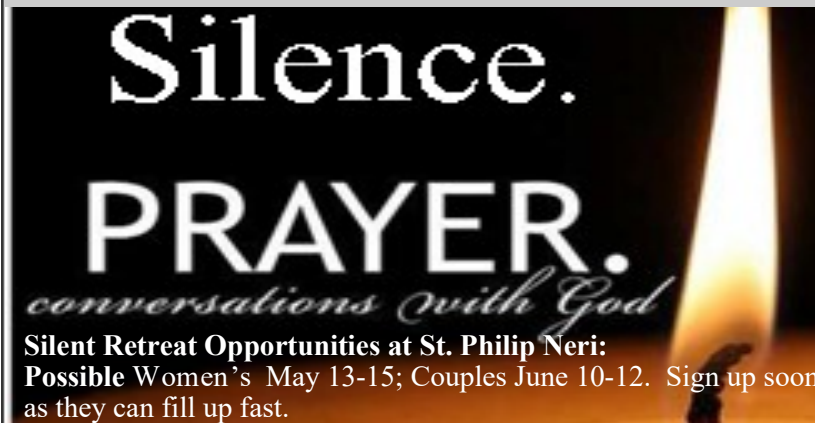


KC Meeting—Monday, Apr. 25—8 PM

Area Events and News

Catholic Radio

Your Spring Live Drive on Real Presence Radio is coming May 11 - 13. Tune in and call in your support for your local Catholic Radio stations 1370AM (Grand Forks), 1280AM (Fargo/Moorhead), 820AM (Bemidji), 91.1 (Harvey), 99.7FM (Jamestown) and 98.9FM (Belcourt). Thank you for your prayers and support. Call 1-877-795-0122 or send your gifts to PO Box 13703, Grand Forks, ND 58208. Also, note that 91.7 FM is the new Catholic Radio station for our area due to a new booster signal. You can also listen online at your-catholicradiostation.com or using the Real Presence app.



Silent Retreat Opportunities at St. Philip Neri: Possible Women's May 13-15; Couples June 10-12. Sign up soon, as they can fill up fast.

Please pray for the women on retreat this week and weekend. Several of them are from the S.O.L.T. Community in Dunseith, ND.

Catholic Home Missions Appeal

There are many diocese right here in the United States whose parishes struggle to keep their doors open. These dioceses are classified as home missions and cannot maintain pastoral programs like catechesis, youth ministry, and seminary formation on their own. The Catholic Home Missions Appeal supports these dioceses by funding essential ministries, including aid to vulnerable parishes. Please be generous in this Appeal and help strengthen the Church at home.

Steven Wirth Priesthood Ordination

Steven Wirth is approved for ordination to the priesthood on June 4, 2016. As Steven spent a summer here, this is an official announcement such as wedding bans. Therefore, if you know of any reason that his ordination should not proceed, please contact Fr. Laframboise or the Diocese of Fargo ASAP. Let us pray for him on this joyful occasion.

St. Philip Neri Catholic Church

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

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

Baptisms: Contact Fr. Laframboise before Godparents are chosen.

	Saturday, Apr 30
<u>Sacristan</u>	Phyllis Johnson
<u>Lectors</u>	Brenda Weigel, Charlotte Brendel
<u>Ushers/ Gift Bearers</u>	John & Sally Johs; T. Silbernagel & W. Gross
<u>Servers</u>	Charmaine Haas, Darissa Becker

	Sunday, May 1
<u>Sacristan</u>	Mark Wangler
<u>Lectors</u>	Seniors
<u>Ushers/ Gift Bearers</u>	Seniors
<u>Servers</u>	Payton Feist, Madison Feist

**Stewardship of
Treasure**

This Week: \$3,600