

December 25, 2015
Feast of the
Nativity of the
Lord

Sat., Dec. 26.....7:30 AM
For fruitful Rome pilgrimage
5 PM
For our Parishioners

Sun., Dec. 27.....10:00 AM
Holy Family Sunday
+Jane Silbernagel by Jim & Jackie Bitz Family

Mon., Dec. 28..... 8 AM
+Alfred Gross by Leo & Marion Piatz

Tue., Dec. 29.....7 PM
+Anton, +Anne & +Lousie Grunefelder by Bruce & Judy Grunefelder

Wed., Dec. 30.....8 AM
+Joe & Clara Leier by The Family

Thurs., Dec. 31.....5 PM
Vigil Mass
+Clemens Gross (Birth 12/20) by Christine Gross & Family

Fri., Jan. 1.....10 AM
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
For our Parishioners

Sat., Jan. 2.....5 PM
+Maggie (11/10) & +Frank Glatt & +Paul Becker by Viola, Donna, Mary & Families

Sun., Jan. 3.....10 AM
Epiphany
For our parishioners

Sunday Care Center 8:45 AM
Rose & +Eugene Nolz Family by Joseph Nolz

Parish Announcements

No CCD Sun, Dec. 27 for grades 1-6, and no CCD Wed, December 30 for grades 7-12.



Mary, Mother of God (Jan. 1) is a Holy Day of Obligation, meaning we are obligated to attend Mass and refrain from work as possible. Celebrate Jesus and Mary!

Dec. 31- Vigil Mary, Mother of God 5:00 p.m.
 Jan. 1 - Mary, Mother of God 10:00 a.m.



Eucharistic Adoration will start at 6 AM and end at 5 PM on Thursday, Dec. 31. No adoration for Friday, Jan. 1st.

Tis the Season

Generosity seems to start overflowing as we get to the end of the year. Here are a few things to keep in mind.

Tithing Charities: Consider growing our tithing funds for the two charities our parish is sponsoring this Christmas Season: The two designated organizations are: Holy Trinity Convent in New Ulm, MN where Kayla joined & the St. Ann's Indian Mission in Belcourt where we did our youth mission trip this past summer.

Online giving - Did you know you can quickly go to our webpage (<http://www.stphilipnerinapoleon.org/>) and make payments in support of the parish or other collections. This is an easy and quick way to contribute. Payments can be taken from your bank account or credit card.

Electronic Giving - You can also set up weekly, monthly, or even yearly contributions that will automatically be taken from your bank account or credit card. This can be quickly set up on the webpage (<http://www.stphilipnerinapoleon.org/>) or filling out an Electronic Giving form and submitting it to the office. Besides being convenient for you, one of the benefits for the parish is that it is less work for the Office staff and those who stay after Mass to count money. It might also mean your last minute preparations for Mass might be a little less hectic.



NO 1st Sunday Altar Society Breakfast in Jan. 2016

Silent retreats: Take advantage of an upcoming silent retreat. Contact Emily or Fr. Laframboise for more information or to get signed up. Couple's: Jan. 15-17, (likely another, offered in Feb. as well) Men's: TBD (likely Feb.), Women's: March 18-20.



KC Meeting—Monday, Dec. 28—8 PM

Area Events and News



DECORA, Discover your Feminine Genius:

Saturday, February 6th — 9 AM to 3 PM
 Sts. Anne and Joachim, Fargo.

This is an exciting day for young women, 13 - 21+ yrs. old [13-16 yr. olds, please bring your mom or female mentor]. Inspirational speakers, fun activities, and topics include:

fertility care, skin care, diet, exercise, guy panel, Pinterest craft, fashion tips and more. Cost is \$10 (includes meals/materials). Register at: fargodiocese.org/decora. Questions, call Renee at 701-361-

Year of Marriage and Family Theme for December: For families who are forced to leave their native land because of war or economic hardship: May Jesus, who endured exile with Mary and Joseph, comfort them with his grace and open for them paths of charity and human solidarity, we pray to the Lord.

General: In thanksgiving for all the graces received during the Year of Marriage and Family, that we continue to grow in greater appreciation of the truth, goodness and beauty of the Sacrament of Marriage and the Christian family, we pray to the Lord.

Stewardship Moment - *“See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.”* (1John 3:1) During this season of giving, let us remember the most important gift we have received-being children of God. As God's children, it's important that we express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children and other family members and friends that you love them, frequently.

Rugby Life in the Spirit Seminar—January 8, 9 and 10, 2016 Deepen your relationship with the Lord! Seminar includes: lively praise and worship, talks and testimony, discussion groups, healing of memories prayer and more. Talks include: God's Love, Salvation, New Life, Receiving God's Gift, Prayer for Baptism/release of the Holy Spirit, Growth in the Spirit and Transformation. Call: Nancy Houim at 701-776-2822 or Judy Haman at 701-537-5454. Meals provided. Free will offering.

Rome Pilgrimage—Senior Class

Please keep the senior class in prayer as they embark on an amazing experience of Rome to walk in the footsteps of our Patron St. Philip Neri. Moneys were generously donated to make this pilgrimage possible. The power of generosity is amazing. Fr. Laframboise will be accompanying them. They will return on Jan. 4. Fr. Leiphon will be covering during this time. His cell phone is: 701-321-3249. There will be a 7:30 AM Send-off Mass in the Adoration Chapel on Saturday.

 **St. Philip Neri**
Catholic Church

Confessions: 1/2 hour 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

Feasts of the Week

Sat. (26)	St. Stephen
Fri (1)	Mary, Mother of God
Sat (2)	St. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

	Saturday, January 2nd
Sacristan	Deacon Gary Schumacher
Lectors	Silvano, Brenda Weigel
Ushers/ Gift Bearers	John & Sally Johs; K. Hass Family
Servers	Megan Regner,, Payton Feist

	Sunday, January 3rd
Sacristan	Mark Wangler
Lectors	Silvano, Mitch L.
Ushers/ Gift Bearers	J & C Schwartzberger; R. Gross Family
Servers	Carly Bitz,, Darissa Becker
EMHC	Silvano, Kelly B., Lori G.

OFFERINGS
 Thank You!!
 Budget: \$3,650
 This Week: \$5038.25

History tells us that the Napoleon area was settled by Germans from Russia who loved Jesus and their Catholic faith more than anything else. It was with great joy that the people of Napoleon celebrated Christmas 1906 in the newly dedicated St. Philip Neri Catholic Church. One might wonder though, what drew these sensible people to leave their warm homes on a blustery winter day, hitch up a team of horses, travel by sleigh across the windswept prairie, and crowd into a small church? Well, the exact same reason that prompted three kings to leave the comfort of their palaces and some shepherds to leave their vulnerable flocks to visit a little stable in Bethlehem...because this stable and this church were now home to a baby boy that had come to bring salvation to the world. Where Jesus is, there too will you find His followers.

It was those men and women who gathered for that first Christmas mass in Napoleon who laid the foundation of faith that later generations have continued to build on. It should come as no surprise that these strong people would leave behind a legacy of strength—strong families, strong values, strong work ethic—all rooted in a deep, strong faith. As we celebrate Christmas in Napoleon this year, we ought to take a moment to give thanks for the gift of our faith that has been passed down through generations so that we today might also gather in worship of our King and Savior, Jesus Christ. And with the start of a new year, let us resolve to joyfully and courageously build on our proud legacy of faith in Napoleon.

It is our humble prayer that as individuals and as a parish family at St. Philip Neri's we may serve as the radiant and welcoming Christmas star to guide all people on their journey to find Jesus. May God continue to bless you and your family during this Christmas season and throughout the new year.



St. Philip Neri Catholic Church
A Discipleship Parish

Christmas

A SAVIOR IS BORN



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