

Old Fashioned Christmas

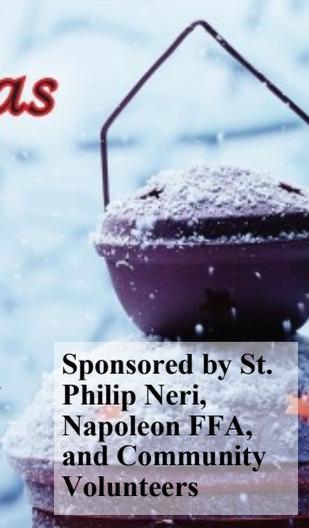
In Napoleon

Sat., Dec. 10, 2016

@ St. Philip Neri Catholic Church

4:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m.	6:30 p.m.	7:45 p.m.
Mass	Light Supper • Social Sleigh Rides	Concert	Social Sleigh Rides

Sponsored by St. Philip Neri, Napoleon FFA, and Community Volunteers



So what exactly is Advent?

Advent: A Time of Preparation

In the Catholic Church, Advent is a period of preparation, extending over four Sundays, before Christmas. The word Advent comes from the Latin *advenio*, "to come to," and refers to the coming of Christ. This refers, first of all, to our celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas; but second, to the coming of Christ in our lives through grace and the Sacrament of Holy Communion; and finally, to His Second Coming at the end of time. Our preparations should have all three comings in mind. We need to prepare our souls to receive Christ worthily.

First We Fast, Then We Feast

Advent has traditionally been known as a "little Lent." As in Lent, Advent should be marked by increased prayer, fasting, and good works. Traditionally, all great feasts have been preceded by a time of fasting, which makes the feast itself more joyful. Sadly, Advent today has become "the Christmas shopping season," so that by Christmas Day, many people no longer enjoy the feast.

The Symbols of Advent

In its symbolism, the Church continues to stress the penitential and preparatory nature of Advent. As during Lent, priests wear purple vestments, and the Gloria ("Glory to God") is omitted during Mass. The only exception is on the Third Sunday of Advent, known as Gaudete Sunday, when priests can wear rose-colored vestments. As on Laetare Sunday during Lent, this exception is designed to encourage us to continue

our prayer and fasting, because we can see that Advent is more than halfway over.

The Advent Wreath

Perhaps the best-known of all Advent symbols is the Advent wreath. Consisting of four candles (three purple and one pink) arranged in a circle with ever-green boughs, the Advent wreath corresponds to the four Sundays of Advent. The purple candles represent the penitential nature of the season, while the pink candle calls to mind the respite of Gaudete Sunday. (The white candle, when used, represents Christmas.)

Celebrating Advent

We can better enjoy Christmas—all 12 days of it, from Christmas Day to Epiphany—if we revive Advent as a period of preparation. Abstaining from meat on Fridays, or not eating between meals, is a good way to revive the Advent fast. (Not eating Christmas cookies or listening to Christmas music before Christmas is another.) We can incorporate such customs as the Advent wreath, the Saint Andrew Christmas Novena, and the Jesse Tree into our daily ritual, and we can set some time aside for special scripture readings for Advent, which remind us of the threefold coming of Christ.

Holding off on putting up the Christmas tree and other decorations is another way to remind ourselves that the feast is not here yet. Traditionally, such decorations were put up on Christmas Eve, but they would not be taken down until after Epiphany, in order to celebrate the Christmas season to its fullest.

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"For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." - MATTHEW 24:42

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day as a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But,

when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and grow in gratitude for all you have been given.

**November 27, 2016
First Sunday
Of Advent**

Mon., Nov 287 PM +KC Memorial Mass
Tue., Nov 297 PM +Irene Brunner by Corinne Scholl
Wed., Nov 308 AM +Tillie Leier by James & Tami Leier
Thurs., Dec 18 AM +John & Sharon Engelhardt Wed. Anniv. By The Family
Fri., Dec 28 AM +Steve Knutson (Birth) by Willie & Tillie Piatz
Sat., Dec 35 PM +John Engelhardt (Birth) by The Family
Sun., Dec 410 AM For Our Parishioners
Sunday Care Center 8:45 AM All Souls in Purgatory by Karen Feist
Helper: Lorraine Reis



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: \$ 8,485.63

Parish Announcements

No CCD today, Sun., Nov. 27.

The KC Memorial Mass for deceased members will be on **Mon., Nov. 28th at 7 PM**. Everyone is invited to join us as we pray for our deceased members. Rosary 6:40 **KC meeting at 8 PM, following Mass.**

Parent Confirmation meeting: The second meeting for 3rd grade First Communion/ Confirmation parents will be on November 30 at 6:00 PM in the rectory, beginning with supper.

If you were gone last weekend, please complete a **time and talent form** located on the table in the entrance. We are trying to create a database of people in the various church ministries. Please step out of your comfort zone and try one new thing for this upcoming year - to be active and involved in your faith. If you are already involved, please also fill out the form so we do not miss anyone.

Advent Reconciliation Services on Sun., Dec. 18th at 7:30 PM. Take advantage of this opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and healing. Three priests will be available. Additional confession times will be posted, as we get closer to Christmas.

Thursday, Dec. 8th. Mass times: Vigil at 7:30 PM on Wed., Dec. 7. Thurs., Dec. 8th at 8:45 AM at the Care Center and 7:00 PM in the church.

Consecration to Mary - Those doing the Marian retreat will have 2 opportunities to consecrate themselves to Mary: Wed., Dec. 7 after the 7:30 PM Mass and Thurs., Dec. 8th after the 7:00 PM Mass. You will say a prayer as a group on the altar, light a candle for Mary, and get a Miraculous Medal and scapular (if you don't have one). Try to make it to confession before that night.

Today, we begin a new church year with the 1st Sunday of Advent. Please check out our new hymnals which were chosen to enhance our Masses with a wider range of hymns and to focus on our readings as we worship our God.

Eucharistic Adoration - Thank you new adorers! We are still looking for an **adorer at 4 pm on Fridays**. If you missed the signup weekend, please contact Maria Regner at 754-2474 to sign up.

Announcements, Cont.

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

November 28th - The Tour of the Church (Sacred Vessels and Vestments and everything used in the liturgy and why it is used)

December 5th - Mary and the Saints (Mary in God's Plan, Immaculate Conception, Assumption, the communion of the saints)

December 12th - Prayer (Why prayer matters?, types of prayer, vocal, meditation, contemplation, Lectio Divina, The Lord's Prayer, Hail Mary, the Rosary)

Fr. Pfeifer will be doing an Advent Series every Tuesday during Advent on Real Presence Catholic Radio. The stations are 91.7 FM Bismarck/Mandan and 99.7 FM out of Jamestown. Listen in as he reflects on how every candle that we light is meant to light our hearts on fire in preparation for Christmas.

The first week of Advent, Nov. 29th, from 9:30-10.

The second week of Advent, Dec. 6th, from 10-10:30

The third week of Advent, Dec. 13th from 10-10:30

The fourth week of Advent, Dec. 20th from 10-10:30

Christmas Angel Trees - Share in the joy of Christ! Angels will be on sale after Mass this weekend for 10.00 for the first and 7.00 for each additional angel. Purchased angels will be hung on the Angel Christmas trees during the season of Advent and Christmas. You will be free to take your purchased angels home on Epiphany weekend, Jan. 7 and 8. Purchase angels as memorials for deceased or living family members, Godchildren, grandparents, siblings, or whatever intention that you want inscribed on them. They will be hung as they are completed. These angels are for you to own after the Christmas season. They will make great Christmas gifts or as a way of showing someone you were praying/thinking of them during Christmas.

Best Advent Ever - Want to have your best Christmas ever? We go to great lengths to prepare food and gifts, but have you prepared your heart spiritually? Sign up for a daily email at: dynamiccatholic.com

Poinsettia orders as memorials for loved ones will be placed on our altar at Christmas. To order, call the Trophy Haus by Dec. 12.

The next Faithful Ladies Night Out in Linton is November 30th at the KC Hall in Linton. Social at 6:30 pm and speaker at 7:00 pm (NOTE TIME CHANGE). Speaker is Mickey Hoeven, wife of Senator John Hoeven, with her talk titled "You are Never Alone."

There are 8 **St. Boniface Prints** available for Christmas gifts at a reduced price. 100.00 for a framed photo or 40.00 for an unframed photo. Please contact Cheryl Weigel at 332-6663 or Jackie Weigel at 332-6625 if you are interested in purchasing a print.

St. Philip Neri Catholic Church

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.

	Saturday, December 3
<u>Sacristan</u>	Phyllis Johnson
<u>Lectors</u>	Brenda Weigel, Phyllis Johnson
<u>Ushers/ Gift Bearers</u>	K. Haas Family
<u>Servers</u>	Payton Feist, Madison Feist, Sabrina Haas
<u>EMHC</u>	Lorraine Reis, Helen Braun, Paul Haegele

	Sunday, December 4
<u>Sacristan</u>	Mark Wangler
<u>Lectors</u>	Kelly Breidenbach, Nick Breidenbach
<u>Ushers/ Gift Bearers</u>	J. Hilzendeger Family, Mark Feist Family
<u>Servers</u>	Jacob Bitz, Noah Becker, Logan Feist, Claire Piatz, Janae Weigel
<u>EMHC</u>	Dennis Weigel, Lori Gross, Kelly Breidenbach