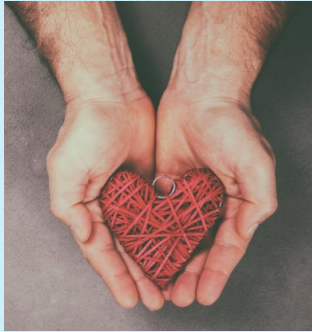


## “What” you do matters, but “Why, you do it” matters more.

In today’s first reading, Moses tells the people about the commandments given to them by God. They are the rules by which the people should live in order to please God. Rules are good. Without them, we would live in chaos.

St. James, in the second reading, reminds the people that hearing God’s word isn’t enough. They must act on what they hear. Actions are good. They bring our beliefs to life.



Now we get to the gospel reading. As it often happens, humans have taken good things and gone a bit too far. The number of rules

had been expanded tremendously. The Pharisees were so concerned with the “letter of the law” that they forgot the reasons for the laws in the first place. Many Pharisees used their deeds to promote their own interests, instead of having faith in the Lord. God was often left out of the picture.

So what is Jesus telling us today to avoid falling into this trap? We need to temper the rules with love. In other words, we must do the right things for the right reasons. When we embrace God’s word and live according to His teachings, the rest will fall into place.

### Have you recently moved to the area?

We welcome you to become a part of our parish family! Call or visit the parish office, or talk to Fr. Pfeifer after any weekend or daily Masses.

### Ponder these questions in your heart!

- Were you baptized Catholic as a baby, but have yet to be confirmed or receive 1st Communion?
- Were you raised as a Protestant and joined us from a different background and would like to find out more about the Catholic Church?
- Are you married to a Catholic and have been attending Mass with your spouse and want to come to communion as a family?
- Were you raised in a family that practiced no faith, but now have found meaning in the Catholic Church and would like to become Catholic?

If you (“or someone you know”) answered YES to any of these questions, you are invited to find out more through a process called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). It is a journey that begins with your questions. The invitation is always open: RSVP when you are ready to make the next step! On behalf of the Catholic Faith Community of St. Philip Neri, we look forward to welcoming you.

For more information: please contact the Parish Office: 754-2860 or email Fr. Pfeifer [neil.pfeifer@fargodiocese.org](mailto:neil.pfeifer@fargodiocese.org). Our first meeting will be Thurs. evening, Sept. 6th at 7 PM in the social hall. Please pray and ask God who you should invite.

## St. Philip Neri Catholic Church



“Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile.”

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To register or login, go to [stphilipneri.formed.org](http://stphilipneri.formed.org) or go to [formed.org](http://formed.org) & enter the Code: T2TKH2

**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.


*If you or a loved one are hospitalized, please let Father know if you want a visit or to be anointed.*


**September 2, 2018**  
**Twenty-Second Sunday**  
**in Ordinary Time**

Mon., Sept 3.....7 PM +John Schmitz by Nick & Kelly Breidenbach Family
<b>Tue., Sept 4.....8 AM</b> +Joe Kuhn by Irene Kuhn & Family
Wed., Sept 5.....8 AM +Adam & +Mary Bitz by John & Margie Bitz
Thurs., Sept 6.....8 AM +Kenny Fettig by Danny Schmidt
Fri., Sept 7.....8 AM +Rita Wangler by Tony Wangler
<b>Sat., Sept 8.....9 AM</b> +Agnes Holmes by Nick & Kelly Breidenbach Family
Sat., Sept 8.....8 PM +Lucy Schloss by Bruce & Judy Grunefelder
Sun., Sept 9.....10 AM Our Parishioners
Sun., Sept 9 Care Center 8:45 AM +Paul & +Christine Hartze by Laure Turner
Helper: Brenda Weigel

**Prayer Chain: In need of prayers? Contact Janet at 754-2295**

20 members of our parish are available & willing to pray for you & your intention

 **Rosary 25 minutes before all weekend & daily masses.**

 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place from 5:30 AM Thursday until midnight Friday.

**Stewardship of Treasure This Week: \$4,318.49**

**Parish Announcements**

**Labor day – We thank God for all who labor to build up God’s kingdom. Many men and woman have made great sacrifices to be who we are today, let’s not forget to be grateful and thank God for the blessings we have received.**

**Baptism** - St. Philip Neri Parish welcomes Antonio David Earl, son of David and Desirae, who is being washed in the waters of baptism this weekend. May God shower many blessings upon Antonio, his parents, godparents, and grandparents.

**“Therefore, what God has joined together, no human being must separate.”** Fr. Pfeifer has been meeting with & preparing **Jared Reis & Shantel Schmitt** for Holy Matrimony on Sat., Sept. 22. Fr. Pfeifer presided & witnessed the Holy Matrimony vows of **Wade & Lindsey Rath-Wald** in Linton this weekend. May God bless all who are preparing for a new life in Holy Matrimony.

**Attention Parents & Students - CCD CLASS TIMES**

- ✓K-6th grade Sunday’s from **11AM-Noon** (Starts Sept 9th)
- ✓7th-12th grade Wednesday’s from **7PM-8:30PM** (Starts Sept 5th)

We do not have a registration sheet for CCD classes as we assume all of our children, grades K-12, who were baptized, will automatically be enrolled, come to class, & learn the faith. Parents will be notified if their child/children are missing, so please let your teacher or Carol Baumgartner know if you won’t be at class on a particular day.

**St. Philip Neri Grades 7-12**  
**Back to School Youth Night (Meet at Fr.’s Patio)**  
**Wed., Sept. 5th - 7 PM to 8:30 PM**

**LIFE TEEN** - We are still looking for parents, godparents, or grandparents who are willing to bring snacks to our Life Teen nights for about 55 people. If you are willing & able to provide for one of our Life Teen nights, sign up in the main entrance of the church.

**Mass Time Changes**

**Tues., Sept. 4 - 8 AM** - as Fr. Pfeifer will be speaking at 7 PM for Catholic Man Night at Holy Cross Catholic Church in West Fargo.

**Saturday night Mass** time will be switching from 8 PM to 5 PM on Sat. Oct 6th for the fall/winter season.

**Our Lady of Sorrows** – We will be gathering to pray for healing for those victimized by abusers. Please join Fr. Pfeifer & Dcns Gary & Allen, for a Holy Hour of prayer, penance, & fasting on Sat., Sept. 15th from 9 AM - 10 AM in the church. Intentions will be offered for all victims of sexual abuse at the hands of priests & bishops as well as all those responsible for covering up these atrocities. Do not lose faith, but join together as Christ's Body to bring to God's presence all anger, sorrow, & brokenness in prayer and hope.

**Thank you to parishioners** – I would like to thank all of the parishioners of St. Philip Neri who have prayed and offered up their hearts’ intentions for me. I had a very close call on Aug. 15th and have been blessed to leave the hospital on Aug. 29th. I am currently in rehab and hope to go home within this next week. I have felt your prayers, and thank you, for including me in your parish family. May God bless you for your generosity shown to me. Janice Pfeifer

**Parish Council Members:** Jackie Weigel, Lori Gross, Rich Gross, Nick Breidenbach, Lucas Martin, Tanya Schneider, Dcn Gary and Dcn Allen. **Parish Council Meetings:** If you would like a particular item on the next meeting agenda (Sept. 18), contact Fr. Pfeifer.

**Christian Mothers Meeting** is Tues., Sept. 4th at 7:30PM. We invite all ladies of the parish to come and join us at the social hall with ideas and suggestions as we plan for the upcoming year.

**Real Presence Radio** fall live drive will take place from Wed. Sept., 19 - Fri Sept 21 from 7 AM to 6:30 PM daily. Please continue supporting catholic radio, and tune into 91.7 FM Bismarck or 99.7 FM Jamestown. Fr. Pfeifer and Fr. Waltz will be co-hosting the morning show on Fri., Sept. 21 from 9 AM to noon.

**Blessed Virgin Mary’s Birthday** – Please join us for a special Mass to honor Mary on her birthday on Sat., Sept 8th at 9 AM. We will meet in the social hall after Mass for **cake and coffee** as we celebrate the many special favors our Lady has done for us.

Join us as we gather every Wed. night at the Grotto of our Lady to pray a **Rosary for Life** from Sept. 26-Oct. 24th at 6:30PM.

**Children’s Choir** – Our children’s choir has been doing an amazing job of playing, singing, and praising the Lord through their music at Mass. Any students still wanting to join, please call Danita at 754-2464. The next rehearsal will be soon. We don’t want you to miss it!

Join us for our **Great Adventure Bible Timeline Study**, beginning our 2nd year, on Sept. 17th. The group will meet in the social hall twice a month on the 1st & 3rd Mon. of every month after the evening Mass.

**Save the Date** – K of C Right to Life Bingo Sun. Oct 7th at 7 PM.

**Novena for the Legal Protection of Human Life: Fri. Sept. 7**  
 Pray: May a change in the U.S. Supreme Court move our nation closer to the day when every human being is protected in law and welcomed in life. Our Father..., Hail Mary..., Glory Be...

**Area Fall Suppers**

St. Mary’s Hague – Sept. 9th 5 PM church basement - swiss steak

St. Anthony Linton – Sept. 16th KC Hall 4-730 PM - chicken/ham

St. Luke Lutheran Streeter – Sept. 30th 4-6 PM - knophela soup/sandwich

St. Katherine Braddock – Oct. 14th 4:30-6:30PM church basement - chipped beef

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Saturday, September 8th

<u>Sacristan</u>	Phyllis Johnson
<u>Rosary</u>	Liz Moch
<u>Lectors</u>	Charlotte Brendel, Zach Howick
<u>Ushers/ Gift Bearers</u>	Chuck & Sue Wald; Logan Wald Family
<u>Servers</u>	JT Fettig, Mason Fettig, Zach Howick
<u>EMHC</u>	Helen Braun, Barb Silbernagel, Zach Howick

Sunday, September 9th

<u>Sacristan</u>	Janet Dewald
<u>Rosary</u>	Anita Fettig
<u>Lectors</u>	Angie Gerhardt, Tom Gross
<u>Ushers/ Gift Bearers</u>	Paul Bitz Family
<u>Servers</u>	Anna Bitz, Peyton Grunefelder, Aliya Schwanzenberger, Jada Schwanzenberger, Zach Howick
<u>EMHC</u>	Angelica Revolorio, Jackie Weigel, Zach Howick