



**Thank you** for the Christmas Floral and tree memorials. Your memorials remind us to keep our loved ones in prayer, and they help provide for a beautiful Christmas environment in which we are able to worship and celebrate our Lord's birthday.

**Memorials**

**John and Rosa Burgad** by John and Malorie Silbernagel

**Jeff Dewald** by Janet Dewald and family

**Steve Feist** by Shelly Vetter

**Roney and Theresia Glatt** by Tony and Joanne Glatt

**Philip and Elizabeth Grensteiner** by Tony and Joanne Glatt

**Agnes Gross** by Richard Gross Family

**Agnes Gross** by Janet Dewald and family

**Alfred Gross** by Wilma Gross and family

**Leo and Barbara Gross** by Bert and Mary Beth Schumacher

**Michael Gross** by Andy Wirt and family

**Eugene Horner** by Irene Horner and family

**Peter and Asteria Masset** by Markus and Luella Wangler

**Joey Moch** by Ann Moch

**Lawrence J Moch** by Ann Moch

**Bill Schmidt** by Delrose Schmidt and family

**Andy Schneider** by Sally Schneider and family

**Jim Schneider** by Jane Schneider and family

**S.J. and Katie Schumacher** by Bert and Mary Beth Schumacher

**John P. and Lorraine Silbernagel** by John and Barb Silbernagel and family

**Charles P. Skalsky** by Terry and Cheryl Weigel

**Martin Sperle** by Ann Sperle and family

**St. Philip Neri** by Virginia and Paula Fettig

**Valentine and Mary Wangler** by Markus and Luella Wangler

**Andrew A & Clara Weigel** by Terry and Cheryl Weigel

**Baltzer A. and Marian Weigel**

by John and Barb Silbernagel and family

**Businesses**

Napoleon Homestead

**By Anonymous Donors**

Jeff Dewald

Ron Dittmer

Alfred Gross

Michael Gross

Joey Hilzendegeer

Pete Horner

Robyn Jangula

Lucy Schloss

Ray Schmidt

Jane Silbernagel

Pete Sperle

Rita Wangler

Maggie Weigel



# St. Philip Neri Catholic Church



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"...as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive."  
- COLOSSIANS 3:13

Forgiveness – one of the hardest things for people to do. It's amazing how long we can hold a grudge or be angry with someone. As we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family, take this opportunity to give the gift

of forgiveness to someone - maybe someone in your family, maybe a friend, maybe a co-worker or neighbor or, maybe yourself. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.



**St. Philip Neri Finance Council Condensed Minutes from Meeting on Dec. 20:** Members present: Cheri Glatt, Jim Bitz, Terry Schwartzenberger, Darrell Becker, incoming members Lila Wirt and Annette Schumacher, and Fr. Pfeifer. Board accepted a full service copy machine contract from Central Business Systems of Jamestown. Board decided to tithe as a parish by splitting between seminarians/religious (Corey, Jered & Kayla), Real Presence Radio, UND Newman Center, NDSU Newman Center, St. Ann's Mission, and Diocese Seminarian Education. Board discussed possible building improvements/updates. Furnace is schedule to be installed soon. Although Glatt is leaving the board, she has agreed to continue as a weekly money counter, and the remaining members will take turns monthly. The parish has received four donations of \$5,000 to the church endowment fund. Our Lady of Guadalupe event went over well, and the parish took care of hall rent. Fr. thanked Cheri Glatt for her 6 years of service to the finance council and welcomed new council members, Lila Wirt and Annette Schumacher. Glatt reported 187 out of 272 (69%) families have contributed to the God's Gift Campaign for a total of \$64,864 of \$40,095 goal or \$24,769 over goal. Glatt was God's Gift Campaign chairperson. Schumacher agreed to serve in that capacity for the coming year.

**St. Philip Neri Prayer Chain** - Contact Janet Christmann Bitz at 754-2295 or janetbitz14@gmail.com

**CCD** - Grades K-6 on Sundays at 11:00 AM and Grades 7-12 on Wednesdays at 7:30-8:45 PM.

**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.

**December 31, 2017**

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Mon., Jan 1 ..... 7 PM  
+Romaltus & +Christina Wangler by Tony & +Rita Wangler & Family

Tue., Jan 2 ..... 7 PM  
+Joey Hilzendeger by Steve & Lori Gross Family

Wed., Jan 3 ..... 8 AM  
+Carolyn Sperle by Betty Sperle & Family

Thurs., Jan 4 ..... 8 AM  
+Ken Gerhardt by Bill & Alicia Becker

Fri., Jan 5 ..... 8 AM  
+Marty Sperle by Bruce & Judy Grunefelder

Sat., Jan 6 ..... 9 AM  
**1st Saturday Mass**  
+John Schmitz by Jim & Jackie Bitz Family

Sat., Jan 6 ..... 5 PM  
+Rita Wangler by Markus & Luella Wangler

Sun., Jan 7 ..... 10 AM  
Our Parishioners

Sun., Jan 7 Care Center 8:45 AM  
+Tillie Leier (Death 1/8) by Duane Leier  
Helper: Phyllis Johnson

**Stewardship of Treasure**  
**This Week: \$5,231.45**

**Christmas Collections**  
**\$4,637.02**

**Parish Announcements**

We welcome **Fr. Duaine Cote** to St. Philip Neri this weekend. Fr. Pfeifer is with friends for the weekend in the Twin Cities.

**NO CCD Classes** December 31st for grades K to 6.

**Jan. 1st** is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year as it falls on a Monday, but it is still a Solemnity celebrated within the church as we honor Mary, the Mother of God. Mass at 7 PM on Mon., Jan. 1st.

We welcome **Magdalyn Arlene Haag** (daughter of Alexander and DelRae) who is being washed in the waters of baptism this weekend. May God bless Magdalyn, her parents, godparents, and grandparents.

**Thank you** to the anonymous donor for a generous \$28,000 to take the senior class of **2018 CCD students to Rome** in June to walk in the footsteps of St. Philip Neri. Trip details are being worked out.

**Life in the Spirit Seminar** - Jan. 5, 6, and 7, 2018 in Rugby. Learn to live in the Holy Spirit and deepen your relationship with the Lord. Call or text 701-208-0461 for more information.

**Pinochle Tournament with Potluck** on Sat., Jan. 13th after the 5 PM Mass. Register your team of two or as an individual at the main entrance of the church by Wed., Jan. 10th. Entry fee is \$5 per person, payable the night of the tournament. All monies will be paid out at the end of the night to the winning teams.



Check out the free **Dynamic Catholic** books & CDs in the entry way.

**Youth Envelopes** - A box will be put in the back of the church this weekend with envelopes for the Youth who would like them. You can also stop in the office anytime to pick up them up.

The **KC Right to Life Bingo** will be Sun., January 7th at 7 PM.

**Bible Study** – Because Jan. 1 falls on the first Monday of the month, there will be no bible study on Jan. 1 after Mass. **For January only**, the meeting dates will be the 3rd and 5th Mondays after Mass.

There will be **NO January meeting** for the Christian Mothers.

**Many hands make less work.** Looking for **volunteers** who would be willing to help take down the Christmas trees and decorations. We will meet at the parish on Monday, Jan. 8th at 10:30 AM .

**Blessed Chalk for the Epiphany Home Blessing** - Sun., Jan. 7, 2018 is the Epiphany of the Lord, traditionally the day the doorways of our homes are blessed with chalk. In the January 7th bulletin, we will have the Home Blessing. Blessed chalk will be provided at church to bless your home.

**Mass Intentions** - if you have a date specific mass intention please try to request it 6 months in advance, thank you.

**First Reconciliation Parents and Students** will be on retreat Sat., Jan. 13th from 9 AM to noon in the Holy Family Hall. Please keep the students, Brynlee Dewald, Alexa Haas, Felicia Haas, Reagen Kuhn, James Moch, Michael Moch, and Laruen Piatz, in your prayers as they prepare for their first reconciliation on Monday, Jan. 16th.

**KC Breakfast Sun., Jan. 28 from 9 AM to 12:30 PM** in the Holy Family Hall. Proceeds benefit the St. Philip Neri Cemetery Fund to replace the statues with massive cracks (cost is \$25,000) and possibly purchase additional land behind the cemetery. The current statue is not fixable and has major cracks on the Calvary scene.

**KC Free Throw Contest Winners - Congrats!** Winners will move on to the district competition held in Linton in Jan. Winners are:

**Girls**

- Age 9 Kendall Sperle
- Age 10 Jada Schwartzenberger
- Age 11 Karissa Mann
- Age 12 Sophie Ketterling
- Age 13 Kylie Breidenbach
- Age 14 Ashley Schmitt

**Boys**

- Age 9 Brody McDowell
- Age 10 Eli Ketterling
- Age 11 Dalton Feist
- Age 12 Carter Haas
- Age 13 Jaxcen Glat



**Thanks to all** who assist at our Masses throughout the year including musicians, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, readers, greeters, ushers, sacristans, rosary leaders and altar servers. Also, thank you to those who work behind the scenes to help keep the church clean, the office staff, the volunteers, and the women of our altar society who keep the altar linens clean and presentable.

**Letter from Bishop Folda** - Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Merry Christmas! I wish you every blessing as you gather together in your parish and with your loved ones to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. As we celebrate Christmas, we recall once again the Father's generous love made manifest in the child who was born at Bethlehem.

This Christmas, I pray that you will celebrate the birth of our Lord with great joy, and that you will invite him to renew your hearts and your lives. Jesus came as love incarnate to conquer the sinfulness and brokenness of our world. And now, with infinite love, he offers us the peace and hope that our hearts desire. May this celebration of his holy birth be a time of grace for all of us, and move us to share the glad tidings with everyone we meet.

Sincerely, Bishop John Folda



**St. Philip Neri would like to welcome these new families/parishioners** who have registered and become a part of our parish family in 2017: David & Jordan Becker, Ryan & Kayla Becker, Bryan & Jess Grenz, Michael Marolt, Dane Neary, Deborah Olson, Mark & Nikki Rau, Leo Revolorio Family, Jose & Claudia Salazar. Please continue to make them feel welcome.

**St. Philip Neri Catholic Church**

Saturday, Jan. 6th

<u>Sacristan</u>	Wanda Wald
<u>Rosary</u>	Liz Moch
<u>Lectors</u>	Tim Long, Mary Schneider
<u>Ushers/ Gift Bearers</u>	John & Sally Johs; Ken Bedette Family
<u>Servers</u>	Payton Feist, Madison Feist, Paige Feist
<u>EMHC</u>	Angelica Revolorio, Barb Silbernagel, David Becker

Sunday, Jan. 7th

<u>Sacristan</u>	Dawn Becker
<u>Rosary</u>	Jackie Weigel
<u>Lectors</u>	Angie Gerhardt, Janae Weigel
<u>Ushers/ Gift Bearers</u>	J. & C. Schwartzenberger, Cheri G., Danny S.
<u>Servers</u>	Amelia Moch, Claire Piatz, Blaise Bitz, Noah Becker, Jamison Fettig
<u>EMHC</u>	Jim Fettig, Bridget Piatz, Annette Schumacher