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- ▶ READ: Come, Lord Jesus: Meditations on the Art of Waiting (e-book)
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- ▶ WATCH: Nicholas: The Boy Who Became Santa (27-min. children's video) What's What in the Church (10-min. children's video)
- ▶ STUDY: Discipleship Groups: Advent (4-part series for youth and adults) Opening the Word, Year B (reflections on the lectionary readings)



Advent - Prepare for the birth of Christ! Need something to help you prepare for Christmas spiritually this year?

1. [Matthew Kelly – The Best Advent Ever](http://dynamiccatholic.com/advent) - Rediscover the joy in preparing for Christmas with a free daily reflection and meditation. Sign up at dynamiccatholic.com/advent.
2. [Fr. Mark Toupes \(from the Oremus class\)](http://marktoups.com/theotokos) – Join an Advent daily email retreat with Fr. Mark Toups called, "Theotokos" (Greek for Mother of God) at marktoups.com/theotokos.
3. [Bishop Robert Baron](http://adventreflections.com) - FREE daily gospel reflections in your email. adventreflections.com. Available in Spanish.

St. Philip Neri Catholic Church
A Discipleship Parish



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"Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time will come."
- MARK 13:33

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. Our lives are so busy, many of us are planning our time - our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth

is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to what God is saying to you.

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 3, 2017

First Sunday of Advent

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| Mon., Dec 4 7 PM +Maggie Weigel by Markus & Luella Wangler |
| Tue., Dec 57 PM +Pete Horner by Danny Schmidt |
| Wed., Dec 68 AM +Carolyn Sperle by Betty Sperle & Family |
| Thurs., Dec 77:30 PM +Betty Fettig by Willie & Tillie Piatz |
| Fri., Dec 8.....8:45 AM @ CC +Agnes Gross by Missy Hilzendeger |
| Fri., Dec 8.....7:30 PM Our Parishioners |
| Sat., Dec 95 PM +Joey Hilzendeger (Death) by Ida Doll |
| Sun., Dec 1010 AM Our Parishioners |
| Sun., Dec 10 Care Center 8:45 AM +Tillie Leier by Dean & Penney Emter |

Helper: Phyllis Johnson



Rosary 25 minutes before all weekend & daily masses.



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

Stewardship of Treasure This Week: \$ 4,725

Online Giving the month of November: \$3,019

Parish Announcements

Happy New Year - Today, we begin a new church calendar year. This past year the Sunday gospel came from St. Matthew (Cycle A). This year (Cycle B) will focus on St. Mark. Please take a complimentary calendar to keep track of all the church feasts through the year.

Right to Life bingo Sunday, December 3rd at 7PM.

Holy Land Information Meeting – Sun., Dec. 3rd from 1 to 4 PM in the Holy Family Hall. All pilgrims are encouraged to attend.

First Sunday Breakfast December 3rd from 8:15-9:15 AM. **Christian Mothers meeting** Tuesday, Dec. 5 following the 7 PM Mass.

Bible Study - 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month. Next gathering will be Mon., Dec. 4th after the 7 PM Mass in the Holy Family Hall.

RCIA will be continuing next week as we look at Mary and the Saints on Wed., Dec. 6 from 5:30 to 7 PM in the Holy Family Hall.

Consecration (or re-consecration) to Mary for those doing 33 Days to Morning Glory, will be after Mass on December 7th and 8th.

St. Philip Neri National Night of Prayer for Life on Dec. 8, 2017 from 9 PM to midnight (Feast of the Immaculate Conception) - Exposition from 9 to midnight. Join us for a night of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, rosary and prayer. On this night, Christians throughout the US will pray to bring back our nation to Christ, for an end to abortion, to establish a culture of life, to preserve liberty and the protection of the faith in our nation, and for peace.

First Reconciliation/Confession 2nd Grade Parent Meeting is Sat., Dec. 9th from 9 AM to 11 AM in the Holy Family Hall.

Mentoring Marriage Sun., Dec. 10th from 5:30 to 8 PM. Topic is "The Purpose of Prayer Together."

Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration – The Spanish speaking families in our community celebrate the Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe in their home countries. They have organized a celebration on Tuesday, Dec. 12th. Eucharistic procession at 5:30 PM, Mass at 6 PM in honor of our Lady of Guadalupe, FREE Mexican supper to the community from 7 PM to 9 PM at the American Legion Hall.

Christmas Eve Children's Mass – We are looking for students in grades K to 8 who would be willing to help us to do parts of the Mass at 4 PM on Sunday, December 24th. We need readers, altar servers, gift bearers, and kids to help us to carry in the manger pieces. Contact Tanya in the office. **Singers:** All youth grades 7-12, children in grades 3-6, and other adults who would like to sing at the Christmas Vigil Mass at 4:00 pm, December 24th; there will be practice Wednesday nights at 6:45 PM in the Church, contact Danita Bitz at 321-0909.



Mass Times for the Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation:

Thursday, December 7th Vigil Mass at 7:30 PM
Friday, December 8th at 8:45 AM at the Care Center
Friday, December 8th at 7:30 PM in the Church

Christmas Flowers - During Advent, you can make a memorial gift for Christmas decorations using the envelopes in the pews or by stopping by Napoleon Floral. Deadline with Darcy is Wed., Dec. 13th.

St. Philip Neri Advent essay contest – Five age groups: 1st-2nd, 3rd-5th, 6th-8th, 9th-10th, & Grade 11 - Adults. A gift card will be awarded to the winner of each age group. Theme is: "What does it mean to me to keep Christ in my Christmas preparations?" Guidelines: One piece of paper, front side only. No more than 400 words with 1-inch margins. Due Dec. 17th. Can be on Christmas letterhead, but not required. All entries will be on display in the entrance.

Christmas Ornaments – Starting this weekend, the parish council will be selling nativity Christmas ornaments for our Christmas trees. Ornaments \$10 for 1, \$7 for each additional. Purchased ornaments will be hung on the Christmas trees during Advent and Christmas. Ornaments can be purchased for deceased or living family members, godchildren, grandparents, siblings, or whatever intention you would like inscribed on them. They will be hung as they are completed. These Baby Jesus ornaments are for you to own after the Christmas season. A great gift idea!

Advent Reconciliation Service on Sun., December 17th at 7:30 PM. Three priests will be available. Also, confessions are held daily 30 minutes before Mass times/1 hour before Saturday evening Mass.

Mass Times - We are obligated to go to one 4th Sunday of Advent Mass (Dec. 23rd-24th) and one Christmas Mass Dec. 24th-25th).
4th Sunday of Advent Mass Times - Sat., Dec. 23 at 5 PM & Sun., Dec. 24 at 8:45 AM (at Care Center) and 10 AM at the Church.
Christmas Mass Times - 4 PM on Sun., Dec. 24th *Children's Mass*, 12 AM (Midnight Mass), 8:45 AM Dec. 25th at the Care Center, and 10 AM at the Church on Christmas Day.
(Going to one of the Sunday Masses does not fulfill both obligations)

Thank you to all who gave to the **collection on Thanksgiving Day**. We received \$336 for the Logan County Food Pantry. We also raised \$1,075 for the **Black and Indian Home Mission Collection**.



Young Adults

At Tom & Tori Gross Home
6391 26th Ave SE

Fri., Dec. 15

Social—7:15, Speaker—8 PM. Father Ross Laframboise **will be our speaker**. Free daycare available. Register your child(ren) for daycare by calling Sheldon and Angie Gerhardt at 754-2925.

St. Philip Neri Catholic Church

Saturday, Dec. 9th

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| <u>Sacristan</u> | Wanda Wald |
| <u>Rosary</u> | Liz Moch |
| <u>Lectors</u> | Tim Long, Terry Schwartz |
| <u>Ushers/ Gift Bearers</u> | Terry Schwartz Family |
| <u>Servers</u> | Darissa Becker, Alexis Schneider, Tucker Schneider |
| <u>EMHC</u> | Helen Braun, Barb Silbernagel, Jackie Weigel |

Sunday, Dec. 10th

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| <u>Sacristan</u> | Janet Dewald |
| <u>Rosary</u> | Lori Gross |
| <u>Lectors</u> | Taylor Grunefelder, Jim Bitz |
| <u>Ushers/ Gift Bearers</u> | Darrell Becker Family; Dan Bitz Family |
| <u>Servers</u> | Blaise Bitz, Noah Becker, Jamison Fettig, Amelia Moch, Claire Piatz |
| <u>EMHC</u> | Amber Fettig, Kasey Grunefelder, Annette Schumacher |