

# THIS WEEKEND THE GOSPEL ASKS A CHALLENGING QUESTION, “What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?”

THAT LEADS TO A COUPLE OF OTHER QUESTIONS, LIKE...

## What is the Purpose of Life?

“Seek first the kingdom of God and His justice, and all these things shall be given you besides.” (Mt. 6:33) “You have been told, O man, what is good, and what the Lord requires of you; only to do the right and to love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God.” (Mic. 6:8) Perfect happiness can only be found in perfect life, love, and truth, which is God. It does not consist in temporary and imperfect, material possessions (Lk. 12:15), sensual pleasures (Ec. 1:8), and human friendships, but only in perfect and eternal friendship with God. “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where rust and moth consumes, and thieves break in and steal; lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither rust nor moth consumes, nor thieves break in.” (Mt. 6:19-20) We were made in the image of God (Gen. 1:26) and only God can fill our hearts. St. Augustine: “Our hearts are restless until they rest in you, O Lord.”

## Why pray to God?

“Those who trust in You cannot be put to shame.” (Dan. 3:40) “The unceasing prayer of a just man is of great avail.” (Jam. 5:16)



## How can we experience God?

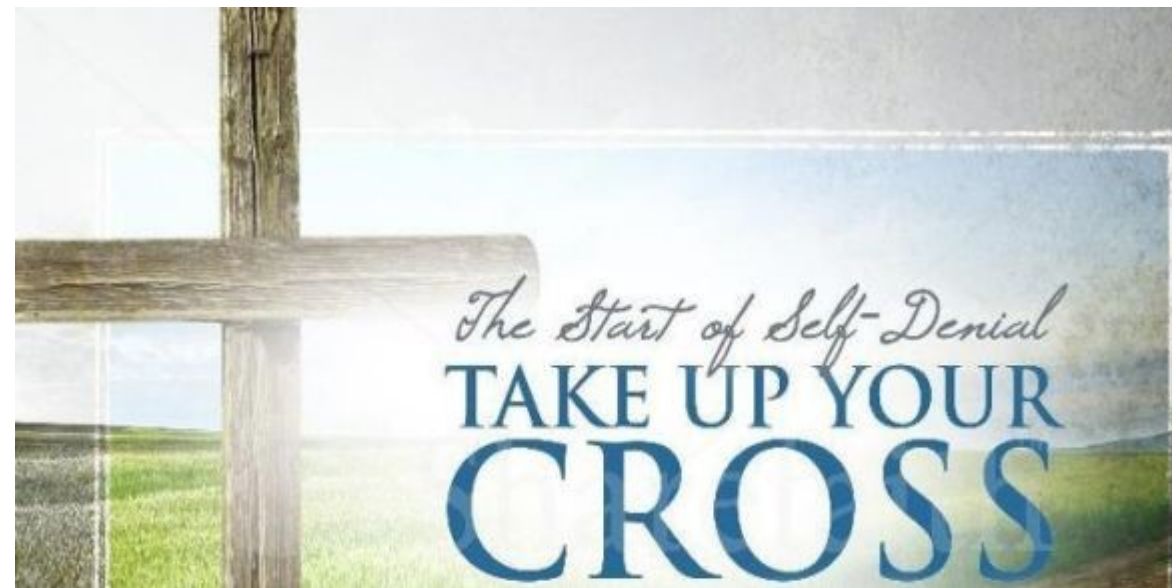
By opening our hearts and asking Him to come into our soul and our life – “Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If any man listens to My voice and opens the door to Me, I will come in to him and will sup with him, and he with Me.” (Rev. 3:20) “Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.” (Jam. 4:8) “If you, evil as you are, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!” (Lk. 11:13)

## Who is God?

God is our Father (Is. 64:7), God is our Friend (Jn. 15:15), God is our Creator (Gen. 1:1), God is our Savior (Lk. 1:47), God is our Comforter (Jn. 14:26), God is all Powerful (Lk. 1:37), God is all Knowing (1 Sam. 2:3), God is Eternal (Ps. 90:2,4), God is all Good (Ps. 136:1), God is Just (Ps. 119:37), God is Light (1 Jn. 1:5)

# St. Philip Neri Catholic Church

A Discipleship Parish



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*“What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?” - MATTHEW 16:26*

St. Francis of Assisi once said, “Remember, you are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing else.” We often forget this stewardship wisdom when we spend all of our time, talent

and treasure to gain more of the world's riches. We need to set our priorities based on God's values and not the values of the material world.

St. Philip Neri Prayer Chain - Contact Janet Christmann Bitz at 754-2295 or [janetbitz14@gmail.com](mailto:janetbitz14@gmail.com)


**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.

**September 3, 2017**  
**Twenty-second Sunday in**  
**Ordinary Time**

Mon., Sep 4 ..... 7 PM +Darlene McClure by Willie & Tillie Piatz
Tue., Sep 5 ..... 7 PM Deceased & Living Christian Mothers
Wed., Sep 6 ..... 8 AM +Agnese Gross by David & Dawn Becker
Wed., Sep 6 ..... 7:40 PM All CCD Students & Teachers
Thurs., Sep 7 ..... 8 AM +Lucy Schloss by Margaret Fettig & Family
Fri., Sep 8 ..... 8 AM +Tillie Leier by Christ Leier Family
Sat., Sep 9 ..... 8 PM +Paul Becker (9/5 Anniv) by Viola Becker & Family
Sun., Sep 10 ..... 10 AM Our Parishioners
Sun., Sep 10 Care Center 8:45 AM Priests & Seminarians by Lois Jeffrey Helper: Brenda Weigel

 **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: \$ 2,654.82**

**Parish Announcements**

This Friday, Sept. 7th, please join us in the social hall as we celebrate **the Blessed Mother's birthday** with cake and coffee after the 8 AM morning Mass.

**CCD Religious Education** will begin Sunday, Sept. 10th after the 10 AM Mass for grades K to 6. Grades 7 to 12 will begin the new year this **Wed., Sept. 6th** from 7:30 PM to 8:45. Students please report to your classrooms. We will start the year off with a Mass at 7:40 PM. We do not have a sign-up as we assume that all our children who were baptized will automatically enroll their children. Parents will be notified if their child is missing, so please let your teacher or Carol Baumgartner (754-2874) know if you won't be at class.

**Christian Mothers Meeting** is Sept. 5th following Mass at 7:00 pm. 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.

**RCIA** (The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) - Want to learn more about the Catholic faith or maybe become Catholic? Consider joining the RCIA class which will begin after Labor Day.



**Bible Timeline Sign-Up in the front entrance.** Please sign up this week to ensure we have enough materials for our first class in the social hall on Mon., Sept. 18th after the 7 PM parish Mass.

**Mentoring Marriage Class** - If you are interested please sign up by Sept. 10. Classes will start Sept. 17. For more info contact Fr. Pfeifer.



**Life in the Spirit Retreat** - Sept. 15-17 in Belcourt, ND. For info, contact Duane Gourneau at 477-2706. Meals are free will offering. Children/teens under 18 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. Contact Janet Dewald for carpooling at 701-471-0176.

**What's New?** As many of you have noticed this weekend, new signs were put up in the parish parking lot. Please be respectful and DO NOT park behind the signs. This space is needed in case a fire truck or ambulance needs to get into the church.

**Searching for Jesus?** Our Blessed Mother found Him in the Temple. We can find the joy and peace we long for when we visit our Savior during Eucharistic Adoration (Thursday morning 6 AM to Friday night midnight). If you would like to commit to a regular weekly slot, please call the parish office at 754-2860.

**Sat. night Mass switches** from 8 PM to 5 PM on Sat., Oct. 7th.

**Dishes** from funerals and **clothes** from summer camp - Please pick them up on the table in the front entrance of the church.

**Announcements, Cont.**

**Monthly Prayer Meeting Monday, Sept. 11 after 7 PM Mass.**

**Thank you, Brittany Regner. Welcome back, Tanya Schneider.** - I am grateful for the faithful care and ministry of the dedicated parish staff here at St. Philip Neri. I would like to thank Brittany Regner for her help this summer. Brittany will be a junior at the U of Mary. This week, we welcome back Tanya Schneider, who was home for the summer to spend time with her family and children. Just a reminder, our parish office is open Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays during business hours.

We will be taking up a one-time **special collection** the weekend of Sept. 9&10 for those affected by **Hurricane Harvey**. The funds collected will be used to support the efforts of Catholic Charities USA, the official domestic relief agency of the U.S. Catholic Church, as they and their member agencies respond to immediate emergency needs for necessities such as water, food, shelter, and medical care as well as to the long term needs to rebuild and recover after widespread destruction. Please continue to pray for those affected.

**Seminarians and Religious** - Continue to pray for our seminarians and religious who are discerning God's call including Jered Grossman, who is entering 2nd Theology at Mt. St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD, Corey Baumgartner, who is entering college IV at Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit, and Sr. Mary Angela (Kayla) Gross who is at the Handmaids of the Heart of Jesus, in New Ulm, MN.

**40 Days for Life** starts 8 AM Sept. 27 - November 5 in front of the only ND abortion facility, 512 1st Ave. N. in Fargo. Our campaign provides a peaceful, prayerful presence in front of the abortion facility from 6 AM - 10 PM every day of the campaign. Persons can sign up for an hour of prayer by contacting 701-356-7979 or visiting 40daysforlifend.com. Here at St. Philip's, there will be a weekly rosary on Wed. nights at 7 PM at the Our Lady, Queen of Heaven and Earth statue. Interested in going to the abortion facility to pray? Call the parish office.

**Catholic United Financial** will be hosting a **coffee and donut social** next Sun., Sept. 10 after Mass. Everyone is welcome to join and we invite all parents in honor of the first week of CCD.

**Fall Suppers:**

**1. 70th Annual St. Hildegard in Menoken** - Sun., Sept. 10 from 10:30 AM to 3:00 PM. Traditional sausage, roast beef, pies, buns and trimmings. Games; Bingo; music; selling of home baked goods, fresh garden produce, and religious crafts. Cost: \$12 adults, \$5 ages 4-10, free for ages 3 and under.

**2. St. Mary's Church in Hague** - Sun., Sept. 10 at 5 PM in the Church basement. Swiss steak, hamburger-rice dressing, homemade pie, and trimmings. Bingo at 6:30 PM in K of C Hall.

 **St. Philip Neri**  
**Catholic Church**

Saturday, September 9th

<u>Sacristan</u>	Phyllis Johnson
<u>Rosary</u>	Rick Regner
<u>Lectors</u>	Charlotte Brendel, Tim Long
<u>Ushers/ Gift Bearers</u>	S. Holt, B. Silbernagel; Kyle Haas Family
<u>Servers</u>	Payton Haas, Charmaine Haas, Janae Weigel
<u>EMHC</u>	Rick Regner, Helen Braun, Lorraine Reis

Sunday, September 10th

<u>Sacristan</u>	Dawn Becker
<u>Rosary</u>	Richard Gross
<u>Lectors</u>	Jon Grunefelder, Danny Schmidt
<u>Ushers/ Gift Bearers</u>	J. & C. Schwartzberger, N. Breidenbach Family
<u>Servers</u>	Jacob Bitz, Peyton Grunefelder, Elodie Kuhn, Alexis Schneider, Jada Schwartzberger
<u>EMHC</u>	Woody Becker, Lori Gross, Dennis Weigel