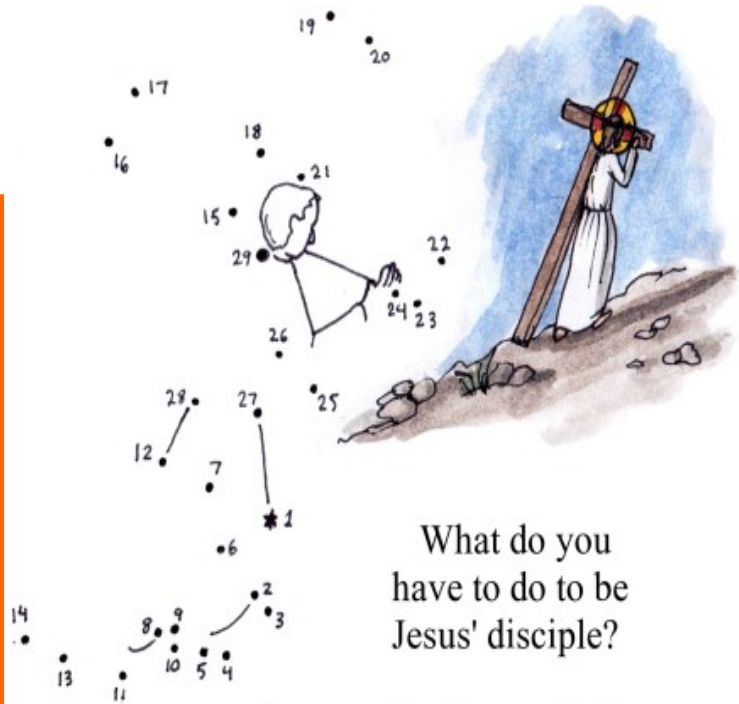




Family and Friends or God?
 In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us to hate our family and our own lives if we want to be his disciple. You probably thought God doesn't want us to hate anyone, right? He doesn't! What Jesus is saying is that we should love God more than we love the people closest to us. He means we should be ready to do what God wants even if that means losing our family or best friends. Normally God wants us to stay close to the people we love, but what if you had to choose between doing the right thing or keeping your friends? Are you ready to give up anything or anyone that would stop you from loving God?



What do you have to do to be Jesus' disciple?

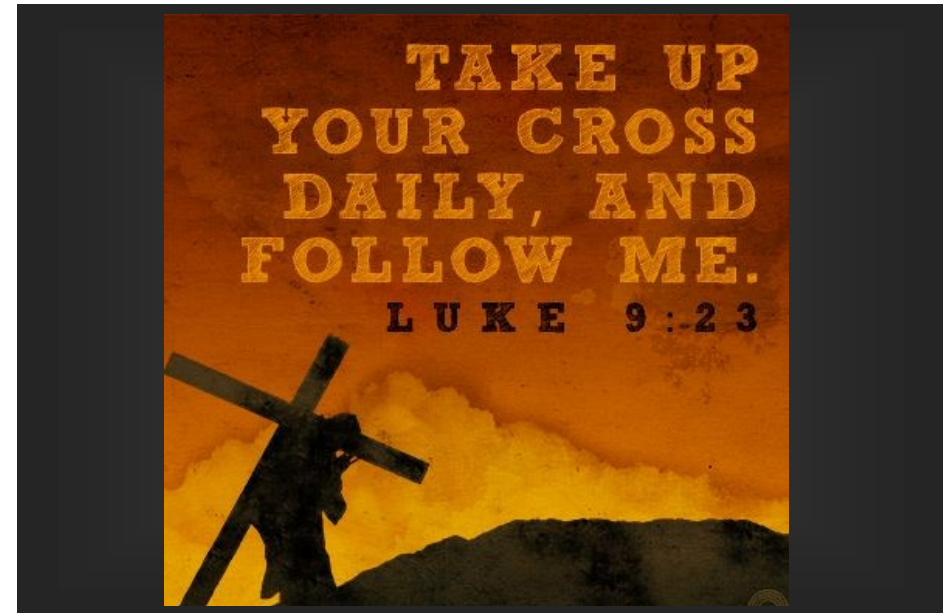
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10 Points for Students to Ponder

1. God has given you the gift of intellect. Use it wisely. Offer your best effort and cultivate your intellect to become the best student possible.
2. The work you do in class is your gift to God. Now, you are called to be a student, one who sits at the feet of the Divine Master and your teacher. Your schoolwork is your offering to God.
3. Don't waste the gift of time. Students often put off studying or class projects until the last-minute. Be a good steward of one of God's greatest gifts: time.
4. Always remember you are a part of a community including other students. You are not alone. There are peers, parents, and school staff that are willing to help.
5. Be grateful for the chance to be in school. Millions of children around the world don't have the opportunity. Their futures are severely compromised because they are missing the chance to learn basic knowledge.
6. God is calling you today in your classroom. Perhaps it is through a classmate, a teacher, or a cir-

7. Hold yourself accountable. Don't fall into the temptation of slacking off, not doing your work, or even worse, cheating. Integrity is a precious gift that should never be tossed away. No one else is responsible for your actions except for YOU.
8. Embrace the entirety of your life as a student. Growth in school is about more than books and subjects. God has filled this world with people to meet, sports to play, and moments to rejoice in life. Don't let this time pass you by and get involved.
9. Begin and end each school day with prayer. Offer your day and efforts to God. At night, spend time with God reflecting on how you succeeded and failed as a disciple of Jesus.
10. Stay committed. The school year can be long. Make a commitment to stay focused and not fall behind. If you fail, recommit yourself and begin again.

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"Everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." - Luke 14:33


When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, what we must renounce is the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone.


All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are His Disciples.

September 4, 2016

**Twenty-Third
Sunday
In Ordinary Time**

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| Mon., Sep 57 PM +Pius Glass by Sheldon & Angela Gerhardt Family |
| Tue., Sep 67 PM +Deceased & Living Christian Mothers |
| Wed., Sep 78 AM +Leo Unser by Tom Wald & Family |
| Thurs., Sep 88 AM Tillie Leier by Christ Leier & Family |
| Fri., Sep 98 AM +Dave Laber By Steve & Lori Gross Family |
| Sat., Sep 108 PM +Paul, George, & Barbara Becker &+Frank &+Maggie Glatt by Viola Becker Family |
| Sun., Sep 1110 AM For Our Parishioners |
| Sunday Care Center 8:45 AM Helper: Phyllis Johnson |

 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: \$ 2,253.03

Parish Announcements

CCD for grades 7-12 starts Wed., Sep. 7th 7:30 to 8:45 pm.
Christian Mothers Meeting - Tues., Sept. 6th. following the 7:00 pm Mass. All ladies of our parish: Come with ideas and suggestions for meetings and this year's goals. We value your input and your attendance at meetings! There will be door prizes and lunch.
Adoration Fridays at 4 p.m. - We need one more adorer during this time slot. Please consider a committing one hour a week to Jesus during this time. Call Maria (754-2474) or the parish office.

St. Philip Neri parish would like to welcome our newest members to our parish community - **Michael and Kelsy Heying**. We welcome you with open arms and we are here to support you on your journey to be one with Christ.

Fr. Pfeifer has been meeting with **Jonah Schwartzenberger and Megan Hilzendeger** who will be getting married here at St. Philip Neri on Sat., Sept. 10th. May God's blessings be upon you as you begin a new chapter in your lives together.

 **Right to Life Bingo**—Sun, Sept. 4 at 7:00 PM in the Holy Family Hall. All ages can play with proceeds going to the ND Right to Life.

The **Real Presence Radio Fall Live Drive** will be Sept. 14th - Sept. 16th. Please tune in and pledge your support for Catholic Radio. Our very own, Fr. Pfeifer, will be on the air Friday Sept. 16th from 11 AM to Noon. Please listen in and help Father reach his hourly goal. Call 877-795-0122. Catholic Radio Channels near Napoleon are 91.7 FM in Bismarck and 99.7 in Jamestown. Thank you for your support!

Book Room - Want to get your hands on some dynamic resources to increase your faith? Please stop by the new book room to check out our books, pamphlets, CDs, and DVDs. This parish library is located right next to the parish office door, across from the Holy Family social hall (cafeteria).

Mass Times Switch - The Saturday night Mass time will be switching from 8 PM to 5 PM on Saturday, October 1st.

Parish Inquiry Class -

Monday nights throughout the year from 7:40 to 8:40. Fr. Pfeifer will explore all facades of the faith and challenge us to go deeper with our understanding of our beautiful Catholic faith. Beginners to experts, all are welcome to come learn! **Beginning Date: September 12** (Topic: The existence of God, the explanation of the Holy Trinity, why it is that we can know that God is all knowing, all loving, and constantly providing for our needs.)

Area Events and News



Married Couples - Have you and your spouse grown cold and distant? Have communication problems? Have past hurts built up walls of tension and distrust so big you wonder if they could ever come down? There is hope. September 9-11 the Diocese of Fargo will launch its Red River Retrouvaille program. Retrouvaille (from the French for "Rediscover") helps couples heal from past hurts and rediscover the love that initially drew them together. For more information on Retrouvaille visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com, or contact Brad or Jennie at (701) 356-7962.

2nd collection to be taken on Sept. 17 and 18 - Bishop Folda has asked us to take up a second collection for those who are affected by the recent storms in Louisiana. These storms may not have a name, but the names of those suffering in the wake of the worst flooding since Hurricane Katrina are our sisters and brothers. As a people of God, we are called to come to their aid. I encourage you as parishioners to respond with generosity as our prayer and material support is urgently needed to help rebuild lives. As many as 60,000 homes have been damaged, with nearly 20,000 people being rescued from the flood waters. More than 106,000 individuals and families have sought federal disaster aid. Immediate and long term recovery needs place a tremendous burden on public and private resources. This is a burden we can help carry as the body of Christ. Faced with the loss of their worldly possessions and, in some cases, economic livelihood, the flood waters left thousands of families feeling isolated and fearful.

Whether your donation is large or small, let us also be sure those suffering feel the power of our prayer to sustain them in the difficult days ahead.

St Teresa of Calcutta Canonized This Weekend - All of us are reminded that we are called to follow the path of holiness that God has traced before us. Take a bookmark from the front entrance of the church and pray the prayer as a reminder of our thirst for holiness.

Pope's Sept. Prayer Intentions: General Prayer Intention: For the Centrality of the Human Person: "That each may contribute to the common good and to the building of a society that places the human person at the center." **Mission Intention:** is for Mission to Evangelize: "That by participating in the Sacraments and meditating on Scripture, Christians may become more aware of their mission to evangelize."

St. Mary's Catholic Church in Hague Annual Fall Supper - Sun., Sept. 11 at 5 p.m. See flyer in back of church.

 **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.

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| | Saturday, Sep 10 |
| <u>Sacristan</u> | Phyllis Johnson |
| <u>Lectors</u> | Rick Regner, Phyllis Johnson |
| <u>Ushers/ Gift Bearers</u> | G. Marquart, W. Gross; Jeff Schneider Family |
| <u>Servers</u> | Charmine Haas, Mckenzie Haas, Alexis Schneider |
| <u>EMHC</u> | Rick Regner, Phyllis Johnson, Paul Haegele |
| | Sunday, Sep 11 |
| <u>Sacristan</u> | Mark Wangler |
| <u>Lectors</u> | Jackie Grunefelder, Nick Breidenbach |
| <u>Ushers/ Gift Bearers</u> | C. Glatt, T. Silbernagel; Jim Fettig Family |
| <u>Servers</u> | Janae Weigel, Carly Bitz, Blaise Bitz, William Kleppe, |
| <u>EMHC</u> | Anita Fettig, Jackie Grunefelder Cindy Weigel |