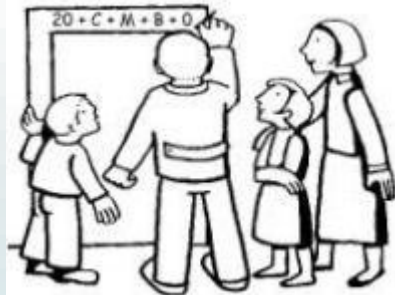


## Epiphany Home Blessing

We invite you take a piece of Blessed Chalk home from the altar area after Mass today to bless the doorways of your home. The Epiphany of the Lord is traditionally the day our homes are blessed with blessed chalk. In the prayer we are asking God's blessing on our homes, office, kitchens, bathrooms, etc., and upon all who enter these rooms.



This is done by praying for God's blessings on our homes, marking the door post with chalk, an incarnational image, reminding us of the dust of the earth from which we were made. We mark the main door of our home with the initials of the Magi and the numerals of the New Year, connected with the crosses:

**20 + C + M + B + 18** (this is what the top of the door looks like when it is done).

The initials remind us of the names of the three Wise Men who brought gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh to the child Jesus and the Holy Family. Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar also stands for the Latin motto: *Christus mansionem benedicat* which means, **"May Christ bless this house."** In the book of Exodus, the Israelites marked their doors with blood so that the Lord would pass over their homes; but in this ritual, we mark our doors with chalk as a sign that we invite God's presence and blessing on whatever room we mark in our homes and offices.

*Begin with the Sign of the Cross and recite an Our Father.*

*The following prayer is said while the top of the door is marked in the order shown:*

*The three Wise Men,*

<small>(As you write this)</small>	<small>(say this)</small>
C	Caspar,
M	Melchior,
B	and Balthasar followed the star of God's Son
	who became man
20	two thousand
18	eighteen years ago.
+	May Christ
+	bless our home, office, kitchen, bedroom, etc.
+	and all who enter through this door
+	and remain with us throughout the New Year



*After the signing of the doors in your home conclude with this prayer:*

*Bless, Almighty God, this house that is to be the shelter of health, chastity, self-conquest, humility, goodness, and mildness, obedience to the Commandments and thanksgiving to God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Through the intercession of your servants, Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar, may your blessing remain for all time upon this place and those assembled here through Christ our Lord. Amen*

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*"..they fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh..." - MATTHEW 2:11*

Notice the order of events in the Magi's visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!

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

<b>Confessions:</b> 1/2 hr before every Mass, 1 hour before Saturday Mass, OR by appointment.	<b>Weddings:</b> Contact Fr. Pfeifer at least 6 months prior.	<b>Baptisms:</b> Contact Fr. Pfeifer before Godparents are chosen.
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**January 7, 2018  
Epiphany**

Mon., Jan 8 ..... 7 PM +Albert Dewald by Victor & Barbara Wald
Tue., Jan 9 .....7 PM +Mary Brendel by The Family
Wed., Jan 10 .....8 AM Health of Jerry Fix by Jim & Jackie Bitz Family
Thurs., Jan 11 .....8 AM +Pete Horner by John & Margaret Gross
Fri., Jan 12 .....8 AM +John P. Horner (Death) by Julia Horner
Sat., Jan 13.....5 PM +Peter Marquart by Virginia Fettig Family
Sun., Jan 14 .....10 AM Our Parishioners
Sun., Jan 14 Care Center 8:45 AM +George & +Margaret Howarth 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: \$4,470.11**

**Parish Announcements**

**Christian Mothers Breakfast** Sun., Jan. 7th from 8:15 to 9:15.

**Happy Birthday!** This year we will be acknowledging birthdays of our parish members. Please stop by the kiosk to see who has a birthday in January. If your name is missing, notify the office.

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

**Baptism of the Lord** will be celebrated on Monday evening Mass at 7 PM. Jesus did not have original sin. Why did He have to be baptized? Come to Mass to discover the answer.

Thanks to all who **donated poinsettias and memorials** for our live trees this year. Feel free to take your ornaments or poinsettias after the 10 AM Sunday Mass. Poinsettias are not labeled, first come first serve. All ornaments and poinsettias will be moved to the front entrance of the church on Monday. On Tuesday, any poinsettia's left are FREE for anyone to take. Plastic bags available in sacristy.

**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 Lauren Piatz, in your prayers as they prepare for their first reconciliation on Monday, Jan. 16th.

**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.



**Mentoring Marriage** will take place on Sunday, Jan. 14th from 5:30 to 8 PM. Our topic this month is "Building a Thriving Marriage." We will look at the tasks and responsibilities of marriage.

**Bible study** will resume on Jan. 15th and 29th after the Monday evening Mass in the social hall.

**3rd Grade Confirmation Parents** - There will be a meeting on Saturday, January 20th from 9 – 11 AM in the social hall.

Thanks to all those who **gave online** during the month of December totaling \$5,116.07. To give online, please go to our parish website and click the "Donate Online" link on the right hand side above Mass Times. We now accept American Express.

**Blessed Chalk for the Epiphany Home Blessing** - this weekend blessed chalk will be provided at the Masses to bless your home. Please take chalk and follow the instructions on the back cover of the bulletin.

**Parish Library** – Please stop by the parish resource room/library to check out the numerous books on faith, pamphlets to help you grow in love of God, CDs and DVDs to be checked out for your enrichment. The library is located across from our parish social hall.

**Sunday, January 21st is Right to Life Sunday** and the 45th anniversary of the legalization of abortion in America. At 3 PM, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be sung, and there will be a holy hour.

**9 Days for Life Novena** on January 18th to 26th - 9 Days for Life is a "digital pilgrimage" of prayer and action focused on cherishing the gift of every person's life. The multi-faceted novena highlighting a different intention each day provides reflections, bonus information, and suggested actions. Join to receive the novena through the 9 Days for Life app, daily emails, or daily texts. For info on how you can get involved, visit: #9DaysforLife, #OurPrayersMatter, facebook.com/peopleoflife, or 9daysforlife.com

**Parish Breakfast served by the KC's Sun., Jan. 28 from 9 AM to 12:30 PM** in the Holy Family Hall. Proceeds to 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 repairable and has major cracks on the Calvary scene.

**Did you know ... St. Philip Neri Parish is a Tithing Parish?** – As a parish we live and express the stewardship model of being a church that tithes to the needs of the (local, national & worldwide) community through its time, talent & treasure. The treasure or offerings of each Sunday collection is totaled and 10% is allocated to charitable agencies and missions in line with our age-old Catholic social teachings. The amount varies annually based of the generous offerings of St. Philip Neri parishioners. Last year, from the tithe—\$500 went to each of our parishioners who are discerning their vocation to religious life (Jered Grossman, Corey Baumgartner, and Sr. Mary Angela Kayla Gross), \$1500 went to Real Presence Radio 91.7 FM Bismarck, and the rest was split between St. Ann's Indian Mission in Belcourt, UND Newman Center, NDSU Newman Center, and Bishop Folda's Seminarian Fund. The Finance Council believes 'charity begins at home,' so the parish tithe supports our parish outreach efforts within the Diocese of Fargo. Thanks to all of you for your support and weekly contributions last year. Because of your generosity, we made our yearly budget.

Looking for **volunteers** to help take down the Christmas trees and decorations in the parish on Monday, Jan. 8th at 10:30 AM .

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Saturday, Jan. 13th

<u>Sacristan</u>	Phyllis Johnson
<u>Rosary</u>	Rick Regner
<u>Lectors</u>	Jackie Weigel, Paul Haegele
<u>Ushers/ Gift Bearers</u>	Joe & Charley Cichy; Rose G., Ron K.
<u>Servers</u>	Payton Haas, McKenzie Haas, Sabrina Haas
<u>EMHC</u>	Rick Regner, Dennis Weigel, Jackie Weigel

Sunday, Jan. 14th

<u>Sacristan</u>	Dawn Becker
<u>Rosary</u>	Danny Schmidt
<u>Lectors</u>	Terry Schwartz, Lori Gross
<u>Ushers/ Gift Bearers</u>	Paul Bitz Family; Gary Moch Family
<u>Servers</u>	Dalton Feist, Logan Feist, Liliana Bitz, Peyton Grunefelder, Jada Schwartz
<u>EMHC</u>	Cindy Weigel, Char Young, Kasey Grunefelder