

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 + 17 (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,

(As you write this) (say this)

C Caspar,

M Melchior,

B and Balthasar followed the star of God's Son who became man

20 two thousand

17 seventeen years ago.

+ May Christ

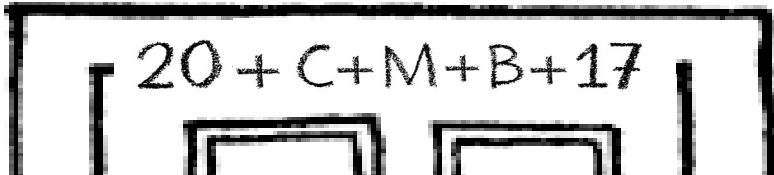
+ bless our home, office, kitchen, bedroom, etc.

+ and all who enter through this door

+ and remain with us throughout the New Year

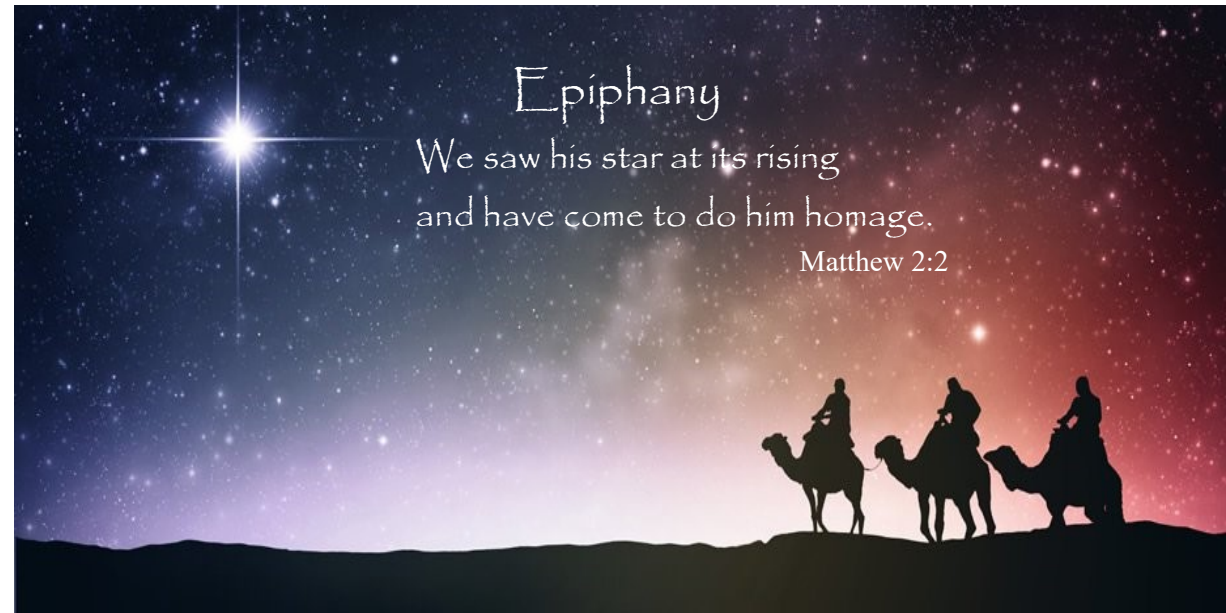
After the signing of the doors in your home conclude with this prayer:

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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"Then they opened their treasures and offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."
– Matthew 2:11

The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image that we should all try to follow all year long. In gratitude for all that we have been given, we are

called to generously share all of our gifts, not just the ones we pick and choose. God wants us to be the most generous with that one thing that means the most to us.


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.

January 8, 2017
The Epiphany of the Lord

Mon., Jan 9 NO MASS
Tue., Jan 10 NO MASS
Wed., Jan 11 NO MASS
Thurs., Jan 12.....NO MASS
Fri., Jan NO MASS
Sat., Jan 145 PM <i>Our Parishioners</i>
Sun., Jan 1510 AM <i>+Mike Engelhardt (Birth) by The Family</i>
Sunday Care Center 8:45 AM <i>Helper: Lorraine Reis</i>

 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: \$ 5,109.00

Parish Announcements

2nd Grade Parents - 1st Confession Retreat is on Sunday, January 22 from 1:00 to 4:00 in the Holy Family Hall. 1st Confessions will be on Monday, January 30th at 5:00 pm.
Religion resumes today after 10:00 am Mass for grades 1-6.

No daily Masses this week as Fr. Pfeifer will be in Chicago to complete his course on Spiritual Direction. This will be the last of 9 trips to Chicago for this class. He will be returning home on Friday, Jan. 13th. In case of an emergency, please call his cell at 701-208-1124. Fr. Katanga in Wishek is also gone this next week.

Right to Life Bingo on Sunday, Jan. 8th at 7 PM in the Holy Family Hall.

Please watch mass scheduling as new people are now being added from the recent time and talent survey. If you have not filled one out, the office would like you to, so we can update our database.

Parish Council will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 17th at 7:45 PM.


Finance Council will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 18th at 4:00 PM.

“Lord, I pray that You grant me a heart that seeks You above all else.” In this New Year consider dedicating an hour each week to **Eucharistic Adoration**. We are seeking a new adorer for 2 PM on Fridays.

We would like to thank all of you for supporting St. Philip Neri with your contributions to our parish this past year. Because of your generosity, we made our yearly budget.

K of C Blood Drive has been rescheduled to Jan. 18th due to weather conditions. Please call Deacon Gary Schumacher at 701-754-2579 to schedule an appointment between 12:30 and 6 PM.

Many hands make less work. We would appreciate help taking down the Christmas trees & decorations on **Mon., Jan. 9th at 1 PM.**

	<h1>Young Adults</h1> <p>Saturday, Jan. 21st Tom and Tori Gross Residence</p> <p>Social—7:15, Speaker—8 PM Leland Vetter will present <i>“A Day in the Life of a Carmelite.”</i> Free Daycare at the Farm—RSVP for daycare to Emily at 701-426-8764 Save the Date for a future Young Adults on March 10.</p>
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Announcements, Cont.

St. Philip Neri Parish Inquiry Class - Monday nights throughout the year from 7:40 to 8:40. All are welcome!

Monday night classes will resume on **Jan. 16th** - Prayer (Types of prayer, why we pray, vocal, meditation, contemplation, Lectio Divina, The Lord’s Prayer, Hail Mary, the Rosary)

Jan. 23rd - Commandments 1-3 (Love of God)

Jan. 30th - Commandments 4-6 (love of neighbor, Church precepts)

Dr. David Anders, host of EWTN’s Called to Communion, will be the speaker at the **Real Presence Radio annual fundraising banquet** which will be held at the Best Western Plus Ramkota Hotel in Bismarck on Mon., Feb. 20th, 2017. St. Philip Neri will be hosting **two** tables for the social, supper, and speaker, Dr. David Anders, at the banquet. If you would like to join us at our parish table please notify the parish office by February 14th.

March for Life - Sunday, January 22nd is the 44th anniversary of the legalization of abortion in our nation. Since then, many young babies were not given a chance to live because some believe that their life is an inconvenience, a burden. Every Wednesday in ND alone, we lose one classroom of children as up to 25 babies are aborted. We need to continue to pray for a respect for human life, and for every individual’s dignity from the moment of conception until natural death. This year, St. Philip Neri students: **Veronica Schwartzenberger, Kassie Breidenbach, and Abigail Bitz** will be traveling with the Diocese of Fargo to Washington, DC to join the National March for Life walk to the Nation’s Capital and Supreme Court to join the hundreds of thousands of other people who witness to life. Please keep them in your prayers for safety in their travels. *The Bishops of the United States have asked all parishioners to pray and fast on this Sunday, January 22nd.*

Attend a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend!** This is a perfect way to enhance and build up your marriage & to make it more loving and fruitful. Upcoming dates are: Feb. 10-12, 2017 in Buffalo, MN & Irene, SD. Feb. 17-19, 2017 in Fargo, ND & Windom, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information, visit our website: ndwwme.org

Angels and Poinsettias - Please pick up your purchased angels from the angel trees and the poinsettia given as memorials of your loved ones and take both home with you after Masses this weekend. This will help save our office staff time following up with you!

Lost & Found will be set up in the entry way. Please check for items that may be yours. All that are left after January 15th will be discarded of appropriately.

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Saturday, January 14th

<u>Sacristan</u>	Dawn Becker
<u>Rosary</u>	Rick Regner
<u>Lectors</u>	Phyllis Johnson, Brenda Weigel
<u>Ushers/ Gift Bearers</u>	G. Marquart, S. Holt, R. Kerzman, T. Silbernagel
<u>Servers</u>	McKenzie Haas, Payton Haas, Sabrina Haas
<u>EMHC</u>	Helen Braun, Phyllis Johnson, Lorraine Reis

Sunday, January 15th

<u>Sacristan</u>	Janet Dewald
<u>Rosary</u>	Mitch Leier
<u>Lectors</u>	Sue Wald, Veronica Schwartz
<u>Ushers/ Gift Bearers</u>	J. & C. Schwartzenberger, T. Schwartzenberger Family
<u>Servers</u>	Logan Feist, Claire Piatz, Carly Bitz, Jamison Fettig, Jacob Bitz
<u>EMHC</u>	Lori Gross, Annette Schumacher, Kelly Breidenbach