

**ST. PHILIP NERI CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
*Napoleon, North Dakota - A Discipleship Parish*

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**CONFESSIONS:** ½ hour before every Mass; before funerals & wedding Masses, and 1 hour before Saturday Mass OR by appointment at any time.

**BAPTISM:** By appointment, before Godparents are chosen

**WEDDINGS:** Contact Fr. Laframboise at least 8 months prior

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.stphilipnerinapoleon.org/>

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 13, 2015

Mon.	12/14	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	Funeral for Angie Gerving
Tue.	12/15	7:00 p.m.	+Steve Knutson (Birth 12/2) by Willie & Tillie Piatz & Family
Wed.	12/16	8:00 a.m.	+Joan Reis Daige by Anna Nolz
Thu.	12/17	8:00 a.m.	+Ray & +Mary Henn by Bruce & Judy Grunefelder
Fri.	12/18	5:00 p.m.	+Alfred Gross by John & Tena Weinand
Sat.	12/19	5:00 p.m.	For Our Parishioners
Sun.	12/20	10:00 a.m.	+Jeff Dewald by Pius Wald Family
Care Center	12/20	8:45 a.m.	Helper: Phyllis Johnson +Rev. Leonard Loegering

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

Sacristan	Weekday	8:00 a.m.	Carol Baumgartner
	12/19	5:00 p.m.	Phyllis Johnson
	12/20	10:00 a.m.	Mark Wangler
Ushers/Gift bearers	12/19	5:00 p.m.	V. Becker, T. Eissinger, S. Holt, L. Schloss
	12/20	10:00 a.m.	W & A Piatz, J. Bitz Family
Servers	12/19	5:00 p.m.	McKenzie Haas & Brianna Regner
	12/20	10:00 a.m.	Janae Weigel & Carly Bitz
Lectors	12/19	5:00 p.m.	Brenda Weigel, Paul Haegele
	12/20	10:00 a.m.	Tom Gross, Jackie Weigel

**FEASTS OF THE WEEK:** Dec. 14, St. John of the Cross

### **Online Giving Option**

<http://www.stphilipnerinapoleon.org>. You will note a 'Donate Online' link at the upper right side of the webpage. You can make a one-time donation or set up payments.

**Youth Discipleship** with adult mentors will begin as soon as Wednesday, December 16th (a Youth Night) with a grand kickoff on Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Please pray for the success of this program in our parish.

**Please pray for the men on silent retreat this weekend.**

## **Mass Times for the December Holy Days**

Dec. 24 - Christmas Vigil Mass 5:00 p.m.

Dec. 25 - Christmas 10:00 a.m. (Care Center 8:45 a.m.)

Dec. 31- Vigil Mary Mother of God 5:00 p.m.

Jan. 1 - Mary Mother of God 10:00 a.m.

**St. Boniface prints** can be picked up after mass on December 19 & 20th in the St. Boniface room at St. Philip Neri. Please stop by, as we will have a few prints available for last minute orders. We sold 80 prints; only 20 left! If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Weigel @ 332-6663 or Jackie Weigel @ 332-6629.

## **Annual Collar Classic Basketball Game**

On Monday, Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>, the Fargo Diocese Priests will take on the Fargo Diocese Seminarians in this annual basketball game at Shanley H.S. in Fargo. From 7-9 p.m., you can listen to the game broadcast on Real Presence Radio, the Real Presence Radio app, or online at [yourcatholicradiostation.com](http://yourcatholicradiostation.com).

## **Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy & Holy Doors**

This tremendous year of grace began on Tuesday, December 8th. This special year, requested by Pope Francis, will be a time to focus on God's mercy through prayer, pilgrimage, works of mercy, the Sacrament of Confession, and indulgences. On Sunday, December 13th, a Holy Door will be opened at St. Mary's Cathedral and other churches throughout the diocese. We are privileged to have a Holy Door right at our Church. To obtain the indulgence it will be necessary as it is possible to make a pilgrimage before entering. The walking pilgrimage route to the Holy Door at St. Philip Neri Church starts at St. Philip Neri Cemetery. There are two special pilgrimages planned: April 3 starting at 2:30 PM at St. Philip Neri Cemetery in Napoleon followed by a Divine Mercy Holy Hour from 3 to 4 pm. May 26 starting at 5:15 PM at St. Philip Neri Cemetery in Napoleon followed by Mass at 5:45 and a meal to honor the patronal feast day of St. Philip Neri. Rides will be available back to the cemetery both days.

## **Communal Reconciliation Service - Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>**

In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, please invite someone to the communal reconciliation service on Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. Several priests will be here.

**Sunday Collection:** Thanks for the support! Prior week: 3,950.61. This week: \$6,293.75

**Year of Marriage and Family Theme for December:** In thanksgiving for the Church, both in our parish community and in our homes: may we build up one another who are joined together by Christ's love, we pray to the Lord. General: That families have the courage to stand up for their beliefs so that their Christian values might influence society, we pray to the Lord.

**Stewardship Moment** - *"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God."* (Philippians 4:6-7). St. Paul reminds us that our God is an abundant God, the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give all that we need. When we trust that God will take care of us, it is easier for us to share what we have been given.

### **Life in the Spirit Seminar January 8, 9, and 10**

This seminar is at Little Flower Parish in Rugby. Make or renew your commitment to Jesus Christ in openness to the Holy Spirit. The seminar provides teaching, guidance and prayer leading to a deeper relationship with the Lord. For more information or for housing info contact Nancy Houim at 701-776-2822 or Judy Haman at 701-537-5454.

### **The Power of Generosity**

There has been an amazing generosity in these past years from our parishioners. This generosity has been extended to our parish as the financial contributions have helped our parish blossom, to our Diocese as we achieved 167% of our God's Gift goal this year, and in no doubt to numerous people in unseen ways.

A new step to usher in a new era begins this year for the first time. Our parish will soon begin tithing its income this year. This decision was based from the strong support at our town hall meeting on the subject in January and from discussions of the parish finance council. Our parish will now move forward setting a great example of the power of generosity and the great freedom and blessings tithing brings.

Two organizations have been designated to receive our parish funds. Holy Trinity Convent in New Ulm, MN where Kayla joined and the St. Ann's Indian Mission in Belcourt where we did our youth mission trip this past summer. In addition to parish tithing funds, parishioners are invited to add to these funds to make even a bigger impact.

### **Funeral for Angie Gerving**

A funeral Mass will be offered for Angie Gerving at 10:30 am on Monday morning, Dec. 14. The 8 am Mass will be canceled.