

# St. Philip Neri Catholic Church

Our Mission: encourage, form & inspire intentional disciples of Jesus Christ.

## Are You Interested in Becoming Catholic?

- Have you ever thought about joining the Catholic Church?
- Were you raised in a Protestant tradition but now feel drawn toward Catholicism?
- Is your spouse or fiancé Catholic and perhaps you would like to share in his or her faith?
- Are you a baptized Catholic who has never celebrated First Communion or Confirmation?
- Are you unbaptized but feel a call from God to draw closer to him and the Church?

If your answer is Yes to any of the above questions, we invite you to consider entering into the RCIA process, which begins in September. This process helps participants enter into full communion with the Church at Easter in spring 2020. Through weekly meetings, you'll learn about the Catholic faith with others who will be on a similar journey.

## The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA is a journey — one of faith. If you, or someone you know, has felt a nudge to embark on this spiritual journey towards Catholicism, then RCIA may be right for you. **For more information, please contact Fr. Pfeifer at 754-2860 or email [neil.pfeifer@fargodiocese.org](mailto:neil.pfeifer@fargodiocese.org).**



## Bulletoon by Trudy O. McConnell



Luke 10:38-42  
 "Yes dear...I know all about the story of 'Mary and Martha'...but you still have to help your sister with the dishes!"

**Corn feed tickets** are in the front entrance of the church this weekend. Those not picked up will be mailed. Ticket money may be dropped off at the parish office or placed in the weekend collection basket in a separate, labeled envelope. All tickets need to be returned to the parish by August 18th. If you need additional tickets please call or stop by the parish office. Read the letter in your envelope for more details.

## Do I serve the Lord with gladness?

- Today's readings provide two very different approaches to serving God. In the first reading, Abraham eagerly runs out to meet the travelers (the Lord in disguise). He humbly pleads with them to stay and rest awhile. Abraham tells the men he will bring them a snack; yet, he and Sarah deliver a feast. They serve the men and tend to their needs with gladness. The Lord rewards their service with a son.
- Martha, in the gospel reading, handles things differently. While she initially welcomes Jesus, Martha soon gets caught up in the chores of providing hospitality to her guests. You can imagine her getting more and more upset, perhaps even banging a plate or two, as her frustration level increases. When she has finally had enough, she speaks up—to her guest! Martha has just added rudeness to her feelings of anger and irritation. Overwhelmed by the activities of serving her guest, she has forgotten who her guest is. In doing so, she ignored the basic rules of hospitality. And because of that, Martha is reprimanded by Jesus.
- So how do we serve the Lord as represented by each person we encounter every day? Do we interact with kindness or grumble at the chore? Do we offer a feast or the bitter food of our complaints? Knowing that the Kingdom of Heaven awaits His faithful servants, we should be serving the Lord with gladness.



**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday**  
 IN ORDINARY TIME  
 Jesus entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak. - Lk 10:38-39

**First Reading:** Genesis 18: 1-10  
**Responsorial Psalm:** 15: 2-3, 3-4, 5  
*He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.*  
**Second Reading:** Colossians 1: 24-28  
**Gospel:** Luke 10: 38-42  
**Reflection:** If Jesus were speaking to you, what burdens & anxieties would He tell you to let go of? How might you find more time in your daily life to sit at Jesus' feet & listen?

## Weekend Mass Schedule

**Saturday, July 27th**  
Napoleon - 4 PM Confessions; 5 PM Mass  
Ashley - 7 PM Confessions; 7:30 PM Mass  
**Sunday, July 28th**  
Zeeland - 7:30 AM Confessions; 8 AM Mass  
Care Center - 8:45 AM Communion Service led by the deacons for the residents, *does not fulfill Sunday obligation for those who can & are able to make it to Mass*  
Napoleon - 10 AM Mass  
 \*\*\*Sunday morning Confessions in Napoleon may or may not happen depending upon travel time.

**Deacon Riley Durkin** - Summer days are winding down as Riley finishes his summer assignment and internship with us. August 4<sup>th</sup> will be his final weekend. There will be an ice cream social after the 10 AM Mass on Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup> in the social hall to allow for parishioners to thank him for his ministry, and send him off with our gratitude for all he has done to bring us closer to Jesus. Next weekend, he will travel with the youth to St. Paul for the Steubenville Retreat.

The senior class of 2019 would like to invite all parishioners and family members to their presentation on their recent trip to Rome on **Tuesday, July 23rd after the 7 PM Mass in the social hall.** Please come and learn about what they experienced and share in their excitement.

**WORSHIP**  
**Weekday Masses:**  
 Mon & Tues: 7 PM  
 Wed, Thur & Fri: 8 AM  
 First Sat: 9 AM  
**WEEKEND MASSES:**  
 Sat 5 PM  
 Sun 8:45 Care Center  
 Sun 10 AM

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**Office Staff:** Emily Piatz - Financial Secretary  
 Tanya Schneider - Evangelization & Outreach  
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**Office hours:** Tues., Thur., & Fri. 9 AM to 5 PM

**SACRAMENTS**  
**Reconciliation:** 1/2 hr before every Mass, 1 hour before Saturday Evening Mass, OR by appointment.  
**Marriage:** Contact Fr. Pfeifer at least 6 months prior to wedding date.  
**Baptism:** Contact Fr. Pfeifer before the child is born.

**Anointing of the Sick:** If you or a loved one is hospitalized, or before surgery contact Fr. for a visit.



**July 14, 2019**  
**Sixteenth Sunday in OT**

Mon., Jul 22.....7PM +John Engelhardt (Death 07/22) By Brothers & Sisters
Tues., Jul 23.....7PM +Birhan Kidanu by Andy Gross & Family
Wed., Jul 24.....8AM +Gerald ( Gerry) Hilzendeger by Tony & Alvera Leier
Thu., Jul 25.....8AM +Tim Gross by Sheldon & Angie Gerhardt
Fri., Jul 26.....8AM +Joe G. Gross by Mary Ann Gross & Family
Fri., Jul 26 Care Center..... 9AM +Barbara W. Gross by Joe & Maggie Fettig Helper: Brenda Weigel
Sat., Jul 27.....5 PM +Loren Moch by The Family
Sun., Jul 28.....10AM Our Parishioners
Sun., Jul 28 Care Center.....8:45AM Communion Service; Does not fulfill Sunday Mass obligation



**Rosary 25 minutes  
before all weekend  
& daily masses.**

**Prayer Chain: Need prayers?  
Contact Janet at 754-2295**  
41 members of our parish are  
available to pray for you!



Exposition of the  
Blessed Sacrament takes  
place from 5:30 AM  
Thursday until midnight  
Friday.


**Stewardship of Treasure**  
**Adults: \$4,114.56**  
**Children: \$94.87**

Congratulations to **Mark and Luella Wangler** who were married 60 years on Tuesday, July 16<sup>th</sup>. We will recognize them and bless their vows and marriage at the 10 AM Mass on Sunday, July 21st.

**Please welcome our parish FOCUS Missionary – Nicollette Bitz**



As the daughter of Darrell & Danita, she grew up attending St. Philip Neri, & was educated in our CCD programs. She received her undergraduate degree at NDSU in May & has put her faith into action, altering her plans to continue education, & instead choosing to serve God as a FOCUS Missionary (Fellowship of Catholic University Students). These missionaries give 2+ years of their lives to help share our Catholic faith with college students. Nicollette is assigned to Boise State in Idaho this next year. Please keep her & all missionaries in your prayers, & consider supporting them.

The Knights of Columbus will be selling **walking tacos** on main street August 3rd from 11AM to 1:30PM with proceeds going towards the St. Philip Neri  Roof Project.

**Need Holy Communion brought to you at home?**

If you are unable to attend Mass because you no longer drive or have had surgery recently, **we would be happy to bring Holy Communion to you at home.** To schedule, call Dcn Gary as he does home visits every Sat. night .

**Is God calling you to share God’s Word with children?** If so you are needed! To encourage you, here are a few words from an anonymous teacher, *“The Church needs people to help teach our children the ways of God to counter the example the world offers. You can help by becoming a Catechist. You may fear that you don’t know enough. That is not an impediment. We are all called by virtue of our Baptism to be witnesses of the Gospel. If you live your life in accord with the Gospel, and have faith and a desire to share it, the Holy Spirit will do the rest. Please consider sharing your gifts and faith with our children. If we don’t effectively teach the faith to our children, how will they teach their own children some day? Think about that! As Fr. Pfeifer has said in his homily, if we don’t teach our children about God, the world will teach them to become godless.”* Interested in learning more? Call Carol Baumgartner or Fr. Pfeifer.

Fr. Jasinski will direct a catechists retreat, **Fri. Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup> at Maryvale Convent in Valley City**, with a series of talks reflecting on **Christ Lives**. This is a retreat primarily for those involved in Catechesis; so all those who direct or coordinate religious education programs, & those who teach children and adults. Information and registration on web site. [www.fargodiocese.org/catechistretreat](http://www.fargodiocese.org/catechistretreat).

A **HUGE thank you** to those who donated blood on July 15th. There is an extreme shortage of blood right now. The Napoleon K of C has held blood drives since 1972. In these 47 years of providing this service, many people have given their time and blood to save lives. We want to thank the volunteers who work to keep the day running smoothly. Every drop of blood is accepted in great gratitude by The United Blood Services and by the families receiving this gift of life.

**Cemetery project update** – The cemetery board will proceed to make improvements to the cemetery & new addition of land that was donated by the Tim Gross Estate. Soon, a road will be built to connect the new addition with the main cemetery road. The board also agreed to order new statues for the cemetery, & repair the current base. Work on all projects will begin shortly. A special thank you to the Gross family for remembering the parish in Tim’s estate & memory. Thank you to the parishioners for stepping up & helping make this project a success. Without you & your funds it would not be possible!

**Married Couples:** Need a private weekend away from distractions and the busyness of life? Rekindle and grow in your love and experience the joys that come from a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next available weekend is November 15-17th in Medora. Please register early as space can fill up quickly. To register visit [ndwwme.org](http://ndwwme.org), or call Rob or Angie at 701-347-1998.

If you are not a **registered parishioner** & would like to be, the process is easy & only takes a few minutes. You can pick up a Parish Registration form in the parish office. Registered members may request letters of membership, letters for verification, financial statements, & sponsor letters for Baptism & Confirmation (if qualified). Registered members also receive periodic mailings from the parish including offertory envelopes. If you were previously a member but have not had any communication from us in the last year, you may not be on our current membership roster. If you move, or change your contact information please inform the office staff.

**63rd Annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine of our Lady of the Prairies** will be Sunday, August 11th. The day will begin 2:00pm with a talk by Fr. Patrick Parks, followed by rosary and Mass at 5:00pm, concluding the day with a picnic. The Shrine is located at the Carmel of Mary Monastery in Wahpeton. For more info call 701-640-6152.

**Steubenville:** The youth of St. Philip Neri will be heading to St. Paul, MN next weekend for the annual Steubenville Conference. The youth will be leaving Napoleon on Fri., July 27th at 6 AM from the back corner of the church parking lot, and returning to Napoleon on Sunday, July 29th. Please pray for them & their encounter with God.

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Catholic Church**

Saturday, July 27th

<u>Sacristan</u>	Dawn Becker
<u>Rosary</u>	Rick Regner
<u>Lectors</u>	Mary Schneider Janae Weigel
<u>Ushers/ Gift Bearers</u>	John & Sally Johs/ Kyle Haas Family
<u>Servers</u>	Payton Hass Hunter Grenz Madisyn Grenz
<u>EMHC</u>	Deb Humann Jack Horner

Sunday, July 28th

<u>Sacristan</u>	Colleen Platz
<u>Rosary</u>	Anita Fettig
<u>Lectors</u>	Nick Becker Annette Schumacher
<u>Ushers/ Gift Bearers</u>	Chuck & Sue Wald/ David Becker Jr. Family
<u>Servers</u>	Blaise Bitz Anna Bitz Alexis Schneider Bryce Schneider Aliyah Schwartz
<u>EMHC</u>	Dennis Weigel Jackie Weigel

**Annulments - Questions about  
divorce & remarriage?**  
Contact Fr. Pfeifer



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