

Canonical Administrator: Fr. Loc Trinh
Director of Faith Formation: Beth Dake
Administrative Assistant: Deb Vlaming
E-Mail: pneri831@stphilipanne.org
Phone: (231) 832-5544

Parish Office: 831 S. Chestnut Street
Reed City, Michigan 49677
Office Hours: 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM Friday 2:00 PM
Closed Wednesdays
Prayer Chain – Mary Lou Proefrock 231-832-4938

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time August 27, 2023

Sunday, August 27, 2023

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 22:19-23; Romans 11:33-36;
Matthew 16:13-20

Monday, August 28, 2023

St. Augustine

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8b-10; Matthew 23:13-22
1:00 PM -2:00 PM – Al-anon

Tuesday, August 29, 2023

The Passion of St. John the Baptist

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Mark 6:17-29

Wednesday, August 30, 2023

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:27-32
**1:00 – 3:00 PM – Bible Study St. Philip Neri
Parish Room**

Thursday, August 31, 2023

1 Thessalonians 3:7-13; Matthew 24:42-51
Office Closed

Friday, September 1, 2023

1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Matthew 25:1-13
**9:00 AM Daily Mass – St. Philip Neri
Rectory
Office Closed**

Saturday, September 2, 2023

1 Thessalonians 4:9-11; Matthew 25:14-30
**4:00 PM – 4:30 PM – Reconciliation –
St. Philip Neri
5:00 PM – Mass St. Philip Neri Church
†The Living and Deceased Members of the
Sitko and Taylor Family’s
by David and Karen MacKellar**

Faith Formation News

This weekend we hear in the first reading from Isaiah 22 and in the Gospel from Matthew 16 about keys. Have you ever lost your keys? Have you ever locked yourself out of your house or car? Keys are very important. Many years ago, I remember going to a meeting at the diocese. As soon as I shut my car door, I knew my keys were inside the car. Do you know that feeling when something like this happens. I could go nowhere without getting those keys. The door to the car was locked. I looked and indeed there were my keys on the seat of the car. Thank heavens the car window was down just a little. I went inside and got a coat hanger and was able to get my keys out of the car. I was not aware that a gentleman was watching me as I put the coat hanger in through the car window. I looked up and he said to me, “you have done this before.” We both laughed.

In the first reading from Isaiah 22 it says, “I will place the key of the House of David on Eliakim’s shoulder; when he opens, no one shall shut, when he shuts, no one shall open.” In the Gospel we hear Jesus giving the keys of heaven and earth to Simon. Jesus then gives Simon a new name, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

This is a significant moment as Jesus establishes the Church on earth and Peter as her leader. If you notice Peter in artwork is often depicted with keys in his hands. “**A Pair of Overlapping Keys.** The keys represent Peter’s authority as the leader of the twelve apostles and the head of the early Church. After Peter made his profession of faith in Jesus as the Messiah and the Son of the living God (Mt 16:16), Jesus said, “I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven” (Mt 16:19). Often one key is gold, the other silver, the first which represents the power to bind and loose in heaven, spiritual authority; while the second represents the power to bind and loose on earth, temporal authority. The keys also represent the authority to absolve sins, or in extreme cases when sins are not loosed, to excommunicate”. Father Michael Van Slum.

Last fall when I was in Rome we went on a tour of the Vatican Museum. We had a tour guide who was

incredible. We stood in the courtyard looking at pictures of Michelangelo's Last Judgment. Before we went into the Sistine Chapel our tour guide wanted us to know about the painting and what to look for before we went into the chapel. In this painting Peter is pictured with the two keys in his hand giving them back to Jesus, as Jesus has come again in the final judgement. Once I learned the whole story and sufficient of the keys I always looked at the sculptures and paintings of St Peter differently and more closely. Indeed, he has two keys in his hands.

This may be a good week to reflect on the authority of the Church and the great sacrament of healing, Reconciliation. How long since you have celebrated this healing sacrament of love and mercy? Jesus is waiting for you to come and be forgiven, to be set free. Since my time in Rome, I have had a new appreciation for the authority of the Church. I find myself praying more for our priests, bishop, and Pope Francis. Keys open and shut many things. What do you need opened in your life? What do you need to shut up in your life?

In peace,

Beth Dake, Director of Faith Formation

Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith with the possibility of becoming Catholic please contact me. I can be contacted by email: bdake@stphilipanne.org or by calling the Parish Office. I encourage you to reach out to family or friends who are not Catholic and start a conversation to see if they might be interested.

Beth Dake, Director of Faith Formation

Altar Flowers

Do you have a special occasion and would like to furnish flowers for in front of the altar? Or have flowers in your yard or garden and would like to share.

Please call the parish office if you would like to donate flowers.

In Sympathy

Please remember Raymond Hutchinson, husband to Nancy Hutchinson. Raymond passed away on August 17, 2023.

“Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him.”

Msgr. Victor Gallagher **Council #12668**



*Committed to living Catholic values while
serving our parish community*

Stewardship

Time * Talent * Treasure

Stewardship is the action of “Utilizing and managing all resources God provides for the glory of God and the betterment of His creation”, and it is often associated with the generous giving money. But another form of stewardship is giving of time and talent.

As Christians we are expected to not only support our parish with financial contributions, but also by giving of our time and talent.

If you see something at our church that needs repairing, updating, or improving, and you have the time and/or talent for the task, or know someone who can help, let the office know. This parish is our faith home. As stewards of our faith, let's all do our part to make it a welcoming house of worship.

Collection Report

August 15, 19, 2023

St. Philip Neri/St. Anne

| | | |
|------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Envelopes | (42) | \$2,870.00 |
| Loose | | \$290.00 |
| | | \$3,160.00 |

| | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Wkly. Budget: | \$3,100.00 |
| O/ (U) Budget: | \$60.00 |

| | |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| YTD Budget: | \$24,800.00 |
| YTD Total: | \$22,376.00 |
| | (\$2,424.00) |

Schedule of Ministers

September 2, 2023 5:00 PM

| | |
|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Eucharist: | Mary Becerra |
| Eucharist: | Jesse Becerra |
| Eucharist: | Barb Spindler |
| Word: | Tom Eichenberg |
| Hospitality: | Betty Yost |
| | Larry Wisniewski |
| | Volunteer Needed |
| | Volunteer Needed |