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First Sunday of Advent December 1, 2024

Sunday December 1, 2024

First Sunday of Advent

Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:12
Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Monday December 2, 2024

Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 8:5-11

1:00 PM – AI-anon – Parish Room

6:30 PM – K of C Meeting – Parish Room

Office Closing at 2:30

Tuesday, December 3, 2024

St. Francis Xavier

Isaiah 11:1-10; Luke 10:21-24

**1:00 PM - The Great Adventure Bible
Study – by Jeff Cavins – Parish Room**

Wednesday, December 4, 2024

St. John Damascene

Revelation 14:14-19; Luke 21:12-19

**6:00 PM – Faith Formation K-6
Office Closed**

Thursday, December 5, 2024

Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21, 24-27

Office Closing at 2:30

Friday, December 6, 2024

St. Nicholas

Isaiah 29:17-24; Matthew 9:27-31

9:00 AM – Daily Mass - Rectory
†Jim Talaske by the Talaske Family

Saturday, December 7, 2024

St. Ambrose

Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5a 6-8

3:00 – 3:30 PM Reconciliation – St. Philip Neri

4:00 PM Mass at St. Philip Neri

†Deceased member of the Karns Family
by Richard Karns

Collection Report November 23, 2024

St. Philip Neri

Envelopes (28)	\$1,772.00
Loose	\$271.00
Wkly. Budget	\$3,000.00
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YTD Budget	\$60,000.00
YTD Collections	\$58,073.00
	(\$1,927.00)

Schedule of Ministers

St. Philip Neri

December 7, 2024, 4:00 PM

Eucharist:	Beth Dake
Eucharist:	Irene Balowski
Eucharist:	Joe Strube
Word:	Karen McKinney
Hospitality:	Jan Sims
Hospitality:	Richard Karns
Hospitality:	Ed Suckow
Hospitality:	Kay Suckow



The 2024 Giving Tree Project

You will find in the entrance of St. Philip Neri Church numerous tags available on the Giving Tree for you to take. The intention is for a person to take a tag or as many tags as he or she wishes, purchase the item(s), and then bring it back unwrapped with the tag attached.



Please bring the gift(s) to St. Philip Neri no later than Wednesday, December 11. These items will be distributed to those in need on December 14. Our parish works with the Skilled Care/Rehab Nursing Center of Corewell Health—Reed City Campus and Gifts for Kids. *The tags for the Skilled Care/Rehab Nursing Center include items like large-size shower gel, large-size body lotion, slippers, diabetic socks, etc.* The Gifts for Kids section, for which we are responsible, is "Children Ages 4-7." Since the children are only allowed **one** gift, please make this gift a value of \$25. **No clothing or stuffed animals please.** When you bring your gift, take an ornament off the tree as a small token of appreciation.

Persons interested in making a monetary donation to "GFK" may forward checks made payable to **GFK 2024:**

**Mecosta Osceola County DHHS
800 Watertower Road
Big Rapids, MI 49307**

Annual Coat Drive

The Reed City Ministerial Association (RMAMA) 'Coat Drive' is going on. Please bring gently used coats, hats, mittens/gloves and boots to the donation box that is in the entryway to the church. The coat drive is open every Wednesday from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM at Reed City Methodist Church, if any one knows someone in need. Also if you would like, you can make a monetary donation that would be greatly appreciated.

Knights of Columbus Recycle

If you have and scrap metal please be sure to bring it in. Our last scrap metal run will be November 29, 2024. We will resume recycling in the spring.

Thank you

I would like to thank everyone for the help in preparing for the Memorial Dinner and all that attended the dinner. It was a good time had by all.

Pietro Caruso

Two Collections

Please note that there will be two collections next week. First one is your weekly contribution. The second one will be for Retirement for Religious.

Faith Formation

This week the Church begins the season of Advent. It is the season to prepare for the Incarnation of Our Lord Jesus Christ. How will you prepare this year? Where are you in your spiritual life? Where are you in your relationship with Jesus? And with our Mother Mary? The Church in her wisdom within these liturgical seasons offers us the time to prepare for the feasts of the Church year, in the life of Jesus. I invite you to take the time to prepare in your hearts, minds and spirit through this season of Advent. I realize our society has no idea about Advent. Some of our families have no idea of what Advent is for or what we ought to do. However we are all called to take time to settle, to prepare within, plan your time. If I don't plan it does not get done. Our minds are so full of noise these days. There are computers, phones, and TV's running all the time. There are people needing this and that all the time. We must set a time and place to prepare. Pray: Are you using a certain prayer this Advent season or reflections to help you? Fasting: What do you need to fast from this Advent season? Noise? Screen time? Facebook (this is wasting time in my life!)? Plan to welcome Christ in a new way within our hearts! What if there is no room for Christ in our hearts when we get to Christmas? Make room for Christ this Advent season. Unlike the Inn where there was no room for Mary and Joseph and the baby Jesus. . Let's be open to the movement of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Ask the Spirit to guide you through this time. I know many of you have families. There is always so much going on! However the Church is asking us to slow down, to reflect and to engage in the quietness of Christ in our hearts. Only then will we be able to give birth to a new life at Christmas. If this seems overwhelming, take that to Jesus as well. Ask our Lord to help you and guide you. Be honest. Be open. Be ready to be changed. Be prepared for the Nativity of our Lord. In the Hope of Advent, Beth Dake Director of Faith Formation

Thanksgiving Basket Collection

The Christian Service Committee is grateful for all the loving support shown for this year's Thanksgiving Basket collection. Your support of the weekly donations, turkeys, bake sale, monetary donations, and volunteers has made it possible to put together 21 Thanksgiving Baskets for those in our community, local area families, and parish families in need. They were distributed Sunday, November 24.

"May the Lord repay you for what you have done. May you be richly rewarded by the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge." Ruth 2:12