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Fourth Sunday of Advent December 22, 2024

Sunday December 22, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Micah 5:1-4a; Hebrews 10:5-10;
Luke 1:39-45

Monday December 23, 2024

St. John of Kanty

Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24; Luke 1:57-66
1:00 PM – Al-anon – Parish Room
Office Closed

Tuesday, December 25, 2024

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Luke 1:67-79
Office Closed

Wednesday, December 25, 2024

The Nativity of the Lord

Isaiah 9:1-6; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14
9:00 AM – Mass at St. Philip Neri

Thursday, December 26, 2024

St. Stephen

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Matthew 10:17-22

Friday, December 27, 2024

St. John

1 John 1:1-4; John 20:1a, 2-8
No Daily Mass

Saturday, December 28, 2024

The Holy Innocents

1 John 1:5-2:2; Matthew 2:13-18
3:00 – 3:30 PM Reconciliation – St. Philip Neri
4:00 PM Mass at St. Philip Neri
†Jim Kaverman by Thom Kaverman

Collection Report **December 14, 2024**

St. Philip Neri

Envelopes (38)	\$3,105.00
Loose	\$275.00
Wkly. Budget	<u>\$3,000.00</u>
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YTD Budget	\$69,000.00
YTD Collections	\$67,299.00
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Schedule of Ministers

St. Philip Neri

December 28, 2024, 4:00 PM

Eucharist:	Beth Dake
Eucharist:	Karah Hensel
Eucharist:	Kalee Kailing
Word:	Sandy Fogue
Hospitality:	Amy Shank
Hospitality:	Dick Hurst
Hospitality:	Steve Leporowski
Hospitality:	Larry Wisniewski

Christmas Eve/Christmas Day Mass

4:00 PM – December 24th – Sacred Heart
6:00 PM – December 24th – St. Agnes
9:00 AM – December 25th – St. Philip Neri

New Years Eve/ New Years Day

6:00 PM – December 31st – St. Philip Neri
9:00 AM – January 1st – St. Agnes
12:00 PM – January 1st – Sacred Heart

Christmas Decorating

We will be decorating the church on December 22, 2024 at 10:00 AM. Join us if you would like to help in anyway.

Faith Formation

Happy 4th week of Advent. It's a short holy week of Advent. The first reading this weekend is dear to my heart. I often reflect on the first line, "Thus says the Lord: You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah, too small to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel. . ." What does "small" mean. Less than normal size, insignificant, unimportant, low, inferior. Have you ever felt small?

Sometimes I do think and feel I am small in God's plan. There are times I wonder if the things I do and say are important to anyone? Then I pray. Then I let God show me that the small things I do for others matter to them and to Him. Often the small details matter. They often made the difference behind the scenes so that others may do their ministry and service. So, I encourage you to keep doing the small things in life. I know this coming week will be busy and at times out of control. But stay focused on who you are in Christ Jesus. Your light must shine in the darkness.

The next line in the scripture says, "from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel." Wow from one of the smallest cities the Saviour of the World will be born. We would do well to remember this when we think or feel our good deeds, gifts or talents are "small." God will use each one of our small gifts to light a path for others to walk. A small light in the darkness can light the whole path. So, shine bright this week in the midst of all the chaos.

This Wednesday we will celebrate The Nativity of the Lord. The Incarnation of Jesus Christ. May God Bless each of you and your families. May we be grateful for the many blessings we have been given by our Lord. May we respond with praise and worship of our lives in service of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In Advent Joy and Christmas Love, Beth Dake
Director of Faith Formation

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.

**Msgr. Victor Gallagher
Council 12668**



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

Quick Facts about our Diocese

The Diocese of Grand Rapids was established May 19, 1882. Rev. Henry Joseph Richter was the first bishop of the diocese.

The diocese originally consisted of much of the northern and western part of the Lower Peninsula. Since 1971, the diocese comprises of 11 counties of Western Michigan: Ionia, Kent, Lake, Mason, Mecosta, Montcalm, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Osceola, and Ottawa. Total square miles of the diocese is 6,795. The current Catholic population of the diocese is approximately 175,000.

The Diocese of Grand Rapids is one of seven dioceses in the State of Michigan. The others are: the Archdiocese of Detroit, the dioceses of Gaylord, Kalamazoo, Lansing, Marquette, and Saginaw. The diocesan office is at Cathedral Square, 360 Division Ave S, Grand Rapids MI 49503

A Giving Tree Thank You

The Christian Service Committee wishes to thank you, our parishioners, for your very generous Giving Tree gifts. Along with our Gifts for Kids Children Age 4-7 partner of Sacred Heart, we were able to help over 100 children in this age group in Osceola County have a better Christmas. Our Faith Formation teens were also able to provide assistance with seven teen gifts. Finally, the Corewell Health—Reed City Campus Rehab and Skilled Care facility elders have been given several much needed items to help with their comfort and sense of wellbeing. How blessed we are to be a part of this seasonal project.

