

Saint Philip Neri  
(Reed City)

Saint Anne  
(Paris)

**The Holy Family**  
**December 26, 2021**



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**Sunday, December 26**

**The Holy Family**

1 Samuel 1:20-22-28; 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24;  
Luke 2:41-52

8:00 AM Mass at St. Anne-\*Parish Family  
10:00 AM Mass at St. Philip Neri-\*Parish Family

**Monday, December 27**

**St. John**

1 John 1:1-4; John 20:1-8  
1:00 PM Al Anon

**Tuesday, December 28**

**The Holy Innocents**

1 John 1:5-2:2; Matthew 2:13-18  
9:00 AM Mass at St. Philip Neri Pius X Chapel  
†David Coryell by The Dake Family  
7:00 PM Al Anon

**Wednesday, December 29**

**St. Thomas Becket**

1 John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35  
**No Mass**  
**No K-6 Faith Formation**

**Thursday, December 30**

**Sixth Day within the Octave of Christmas**

1 John 2:12-17; Luke 2:36-40  
9:00 AM Mass at St. Philip Neri Pius X Chapel

**Friday, December 31**

**St. Sylvester I**

1 John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18  
6:00 PM Mass at St. Philip Neri-\*Parish Family

**Saturday, January 1**

**Mary. The Mother of God**

Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7;  
Luke 2:16-21  
3:00 PM Reconciliation – St. Philip Neri  
4:00 PM Mass at St. Philip Neri-\*Parish Family

**Collection Report**  
**December 18-19**

	<b><u>St. Philip Neri</u></b>	<b><u>St. Anne</u></b>
<b>Envelopes:</b> (34)	<b>\$2,220.00</b> (8)	<b>\$680.00</b>
<b>Loose:</b>	<b><u>109.00</u></b>	<b><u>50.00</u></b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2,099.00</b>	<b>\$730.00</b>

**Wkly. Budget:** **\$3,596.15**  
**O/ (U) Budget:** **(\$767.15)**

**YTD Budget:** **\$86,307.60**  
**YTD Collection:** **80,288.01**  
**(\$6,019.59)**

**Schedule of Ministers**

**St. Philip Neri**  
**January 1, 2022 4:00 PM**

**Word:** Karen McKinney  
**Hospitality:** Harriet Lenahan  
Betty Yost

**January 2, 2022 10:00 AM**

**Word:** Tom Eichenberg  
**Hospitality:** Tom Fabus  
Susan Fabus

**St. Anne**  
**January 2, 2022 8:00 AM**

**Word:**  
**Hospitality:**

## **Fr. Mike's Musings**

We live in a divided country. Our national "family" is, for all intents and purposes, broken. Some of us come from or have experienced actual broken families in our lives. But even if we come from broken, dysfunctional families, deep down we still recognize that we are made for family life. Family is the school of love - the place we learn that vital virtue: patience. By way of comparison it's relatively easy to love friends. After all we choose our friends. Regarding family, we simply find ourselves thrown into a mix: father, mother, sisters, brothers - then later on sisters/brothers-in-law, nephews, nieces, and for the lucky ones - grandchildren.

We desire family, we long for family yet there's something more important than family. Jesus brings it home dramatically in today's Gospel. After the 'Feast of Passover', when he is twelve years old, Jesus stays behind in Jerusalem. This causes His parents "great anxiety" as they search three days for their missing child. With Mary we can ask, "*Why have you done this?*" His response sounds uncomfortably like a modern adolescent: "*Why were you looking for me?*" However, rather than read this like 21st Century Americans, we have to put ourselves back in 1st Century Jerusalem. If family is important to us, it was supreme for their society. So much so it could become an idol. We know Jesus would later say shocking things like "*If anyone comes after me without hating father and mother...he cannot be my disciple.*" Today, rather than apologizing to Mary and Joseph, He says, "*I must be in my Father's house.*" Yes, Jesus belongs to Mary and Joseph, but first He belongs to God. So do we all. For sure we belong to each other as families, members of a parish or a nation - but in the final analysis, we belong to God. With Jesus we belong in Our Father's house.

What if the children are grown? Maybe they have children of their own. Maybe they are in the middle of some difficulty or have drifted from the faith - or even rejected the faith outright. It's never too late to make an act of consecration-to entrust our children to the Lord. Say a prayer of consecration with our spouses-or if alone, come to the church. Next Sunday, 'Feast of the Epiphany', is a good moment to do this-before the children head back to school, college, or their respective homes. I encourage you to use the days after New Years for a three-day fast. Please see the bulletin for suggestions. Prayer joining families together has immeasurable power. The best thing we can do for our families, the greatest Christmas gift if you will, is to bring them in prayer to Jesus. Ultimately we belong with Him in Our Father's house.

## **Faith Formation News**

Glory to God in the Highest! Merry Christmas. As we celebrate this Christmas season let us remember to hold fast to our prayer lives. To come to Mass to receive our 'Newborn King' in the Eucharist. I will hold you all in my prayers. I love my St. Philip Neri-St. Anne Faith Community. Over the years I have had to opportunity to meet so many of you and get to know you. I have watched the children grown up. Wow they grow fast! May this season bring you hope in the darkness, love in the midst of heartbreak, and faith in the time of struggle. During this joyful season I am aware that many people are grieving the loss of loves ones, that families have many disagreements, and the world is not at peace.

However, we can find that hope, love, and faith in the Word Made Flesh. In our savior Jesus Christ. Hold fast to Him, ask Him for help, for comfort, for direction. Go deep within and you will find His love, hope and faith within you. And know and believe he is with you always.

In joy,  
Beth Dake  
Director of Faith Formation

## **Numbers and Addresses**

Due to the increasing reliance on cell phones, texting, and e-mail in our society it has become increasingly evident that our contact information for parishioners is out-of-date. In order to correct this please either send your current contact information (phone number and e-mail address) to **pneri831@stphilipanne.org** or call the parish office at **(231)832-5544**.

## **Thank You**

A heartfelt thank you goes to all who helped in any way, shape or form to get the churches ready for the Christmas season. Thank you to all who served in any ministries. Both churches look beautiful.

## **Weather Policy**

As we enter into the winter season it is the policy of the parishes of St. Philip Neri-St. Anne to close operations (offices, meetings. Masses, etc.) should the Reed City School District close due to prevailing weather conditions during the course of the work-week. The policy is to ensure the safety and well-being of our parishioners.

# Christmas Memorial

## Flowers

*Sarah Busch Trucks*  
*Carl Yost*  
*The Smith Family*  
*The Eichenberg Family*  
*Rudy Marek*  
*Stefan and Maria Slama*  
*Joan Karns*  
*Cathy Karns*  
*Fred & Ester Karns*  
*Forrest & Burnedda Maguire*  
*Douglas & Brian Wekenman*  
*The Proefrock Family*  
*The Simmer Family*  
*The McKinney Family*  
*John & Mary Derbowka*  
*Bill & Borisien Slywka*  
*Polly & Datus A. Montague*  
*Betty Gilchrist*  
*Alice J. Teem*  
*Mary Lou & Dennis Bruske*  
*Joe Fabus*  
*Don Wayne*  
*The Hutchinson Family*  
*The Wells Family*  
*The Leporowski Family*  
*Carl Taylor*  
*Jim Jenkins*  
*Barney Lenahan*  
*Cathy, Keith & Rita MacKellar*

*Jack & Janice Hurst*  
*James & Delores Hurst*  
*Jack & Rose Taylor*  
*Betty & John Taylor*  
*The Lovestead Family*  
*The Smith Family*  
*Leo & Virginia Simon*  
*The Coryell Family*  
*The Northrop Family*  
*The Scheidt Family*  
*The Maskill Family*  
*The Bellgowan Family*

