

**Saint Philip Neri Church (Reed City)
Saint Anne Church (Paris)**

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 16, 2021

Sunday, January 16

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11;
John 2:1-11

8:00 AM Mass at St. Anne
10:00 AM Mass at St. Philip Neri

Monday, January 17

St. Anthony

1 Samuel 15:16-23; Mark 2:18-22
1:00 PM Al-anon Meeting
5:30 PM RCIA

Tuesday, January 18

1 Samuel 16:1-13; Mark 2:23-28
9:00 AM Mass-St. Philip Neri- Pius X Chapel
†Gerald Cortes by Miguel Troche
7:00 PM Al-anon Meeting

Wednesday, January 19

1 Samuel 17:32-33,37, 40-51; Mark 3:1-6
9:00 AM Mass-St. Philip Neri- Pius X Chapel
6:00 PM-7:30 PM Faith Formation K-6

Thursday, January 20

St. Fabian, St. Sebastian

1 Samuel 18:6-9, 19:1-7; Mark 3:7-12
9:00 AM Mass-St. Philip Neri- Pius X Chapel
*May God guide me to my Vocation - Miguel Troche

Friday, January 21

St. Agnes

1 Samuel 24:3-21; Mark 3:13-19
9:00 AM Mass-St. Philip Neri- Pius X Chapel

Saturday, January 22

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mark 3:20-21
3:00 PM Reconciliation-St. Philip Neri
4:00 PM Mass at St. Philip Neri

Sunday, January 23

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-30;
Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21
8:00 AM Mass at St. Anne
10:00 AM Mass at St. Philip Neri
11:00 AM – 12:30 PM – Faith Formation 7-12

Father Mike's Musings

This short and direct statement in this weekend's Gospel from Mary says all we need to know. *"Do whatever He tells you."* What else do we need to know in life? The hard part, of course, is following that advice. It's easy to believe it, to preach it and to commit ourselves to doing everything that our Lord says, but it's another thing to actually follow through and fulfill His divine will.

This short exhortation calls us to two things:

*To discern what Jesus wants of us.

*To freely embrace that which we discern.

How are we doing in these two areas?

First of all, discerning the will of God can be hard in the sense that it requires a wholehearted attentiveness to His gentle and subtle voice. God does not impose His will on us; He respectfully and quietly invites us to listen. He waits until we give Him our full attention and then reveals His will one step at a time. Yes, some things have been made clear already through public revelation such as the avoidance of sin and the embrace of faith, hope and love. But when we are ready to let those general commands enter practically into our daily lives, we must be ready to give God our full, undivided attention.

Second, we should realize that God's will, when properly discerned, is not always easy to embrace. He requires everything of us. He is a "jealous God" in the sense that He wants our total surrender. The good news is that if we are willing to give Him everything in total obedience, we will discover that our lives are completely fulfilled and we will want for nothing.

Let us reflect, today, upon this twofold invitation spoken by Mary. Reflect upon how ready we are to listen to God's will and how ready we are to do it--no matter what it might be. If we are ready for this God-given task, then we are undoubtedly on the path toward the perfect holiness of the Kingdom of God.

"Therefore you shall be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect." (Matthew 5:48)

What is your experience with the Catholic Church?

Bishop Walkowiak wants to hear from you, both practicing Catholics and yes, individuals who are not currently active in their Catholic faith. As preparations begin for an international gathering of bishops (synod), we invite you to share your experiences with the Catholic Church – both the positive and areas where improvement is needed.

Join us for shared reflection, prayer and dialogue after the New Year. Listening sessions will be held from the end of January through mid-March with exact dates to be shared soon. More details are available on the diocesan website:

<https://grdiocese.org/synod-21-23-communion-participation-mission/>

Weekly Contributions

January 8-9

	<u>St. Philip Neri</u>		<u>St. Anne</u>
Offering Env. (57)	\$2187.75	(09)	\$1105.00
Loose	<u>242.00</u>		<u>110.00</u>
Total	\$2429.75		\$1215.00

Wkly. Budget \$3,596.15
O/ (U) Budget 48.60

YTD Budget \$97,096.05
YTD Collection 93,625.76
 (\$3,470.29)

St. Philip Neri: January 22, 4:00 PM

Eucharist: None at this Time
Word: Lynne Kreger
Hospitality: Steve Leporowski

St. Philip Neri: January 23, 10:00 AM

Eucharist: None at this Time
Word: Susan Fabus
Hospitality: Tom Fabus
 George Strodl

St. Anne: January 23, 8:00 AM

Eucharist: None at this Time
Word: Beth Erickson
Hospitality: Ed Suckow

Knights of Columbus



LIFE

"The Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being." Genesis 2:7

The right to life is unlike any other right. St. John Paul II famously noted that if human life itself is not respected, then respect for all other rights are "false and illusory."

The Knights of Columbus support the Right to Life movement by contributing to the purchase ultrasound machines. The Knights of Columbus of our diocese, with financial donations from parish councils, have purchased ultrasound machines for use in our diocese. Through your financial support of the fund raising activities of our council, over \$1,000 has been donated this year for ultrasound machines.

Every life is a gift

Notice

Your end of the year financial statements are in the back of the church in a box on the table. Please be sure to take yours.

Thank You

Faith Formation News

Our second reading today is from 1Cor 12:4-11. This reading tells us about the many different spiritual gifts that the Holy Spirit gives. There are many gifts but one Spirit giving the gifts! We, as the Body of Christ on earth need all these gifts. We need everyone praying for a spiritual gift and be willing to share and use that gift.

In the waters of Baptism, you were given a share of the Holy Spirit. In Confirmation the Holy Spirit was strengthened and sealed within you. The Bishop (or priest, when given the facilities) anointed your head with the holy Chrism saying, "Be Sealed with the Holy Spirit." Those of us who have been Confirmed have a strength within called the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit has been sealed within us! Holy Wow! Let us not forgot this in times of frustration, struggle, or disappointment. Or even when we are having "one of those days." Go deep within you, and call upon the Holy Spirit as your comforter, guide, and councilor. These can be trying time as the pandemic continues and all the side effects of the pandemic. Let the Holy Spirit take us over and lead us in our thoughts, pour out our feelings and stress, and let the Spirit lead you.

As I write this preparation has begun for our Candidate for eighth grade Confirmation this year. Zoey Allen is our Candidate, please keep her in your prayers as she journeys toward the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 1st at the Cathedral of St Andrew in Grand Rapids.

Adult Confirmation: We also have an adult who has come forward and asked to be prepared to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. I will begin preparation with him soon. If you are an adult who has never celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation and would like to, please contact me: bdake@stphilipanne.org or by calling the Parish Office.

In peace,
 Beth Dake

Director of Faith Formation

Notes from the Diocese

Help prevent the spread of illness. During the cold and flu season, and in general throughout the year, please follow these basic guidelines to help prevent the spread of illness in our parishes:

- If you suspect you have the flu or are suffering from a cold, please stay home. Your Sunday obligation is waive.
- Cover your mouth/nose when coughing or sneezing.
- Wear a mask
- Wash your hands frequently using soap and water, or hand sanitizing products.
- Please do not hold hands during the "Our Father".
- Instead of shaking hands during the sign of peace, clasp your hands together; make eye contact with those around you, and say "Peace be with you," or "Peace of Christ."
- If you are feel you may be getting sick, please receive Holy Communion in the hand, rather than on the tongue, and refrain from receiving Communion from the cup.

For additional information, visit:

<https://grdiocese.org/flu-and-mass-guidelines/>