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## **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 26, 2025**

### **Sunday January 26, 2025**

#### **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; 12:4-11;  
1 Corinthians 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

**11:00 – 12:30 – Faith Formation 7-12**

### **Monday January 27, 2025**

#### **St. Angela Merici**

Hebrews 9:15, 24-28; Mark 3:22-30

**1:00 PM – Al-anon – Parish Room**

### **Tuesday, January 28, 2025**

#### **St. Thomas Aquinas**

Hebrews 10:1-10; Mark 3:31-35

**1:00 PM – Bible Study-SPN Parish Room**

### **Wednesday, January 29, 2025**

Hebrews 10:11-18; Mark 4:1-20

**6:00 PM – 7:30 PM – Faith Formation K-6**  
**Office Closed**

### **Thursday, January 30, 2025**

Hebrews 10:19-25; Mark 4:21-25

### **Friday, January 31, 2025**

#### **St. John Bosco**

Hebrews 10:32-39; Mark 4:26-34

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

### **Saturday, February 1, 2025**

Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Luke 1:69-75;  
Mark 4:35-41

**3:00 – 3:30 PM Reconciliation – St. Philip Neri**  
**4:00 PM Mass at St. Philip Neri Church**  
**†Carl Yost by Betty Yost**  
**Coffee and Cookies after Mass**  
**Courtesy of Parish Life Committee**

### **Collection Report** **January 18, 2025**

#### **St. Philip Neri**

<b>Envelopes (33)</b>	<b>\$2,600.00</b>
<b>Loose</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>
<b>Wkly. Budget</b>	<b><u>\$3,000.00</u></b>
<b>O/ (U) Budge</b>	<b>(<u>\$200.00</u>)</b>
<b>YTD Budget</b>	<b>\$84,000.00</b>
<b>YTD Collections</b>	<b>\$83,171.00</b> <b>(<u>\$829.00</u>)</b>

### **Schedule of Ministers**

#### **St. Philip Neri**

<b>Eucharist:</b>	<b>February 1, 2025</b>
<b>Eucharist:</b>	<b>Sign-up Sheet in back of Church. Missed Feb 1<sup>st</sup> on Schedule</b>
<b>Word:</b>	
<b>Hospitality:</b>	
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### **Senior Citizens of St. Philip Neri & St. Anne**

You are invited to attend the Annual Senior Citizens Dinner. Come for an afternoon of good food, fun and fellowship on Sunday, February 16, 2025 downstairs at St. Philip Neri Church. The festivities will begin at 12:00 pm (noon). There is no cost to attend! Reservations are a must and can be made by using the sign-up sheet in the back of St. Philip Neri Church or by calling the Parish Office at 231-832-5544. The last day reservations will be taken is February 3, 2025.

## **Faith Formation News**

This week we hear in the Gospel of Jesus returning to his hometown of Nazareth. Jesus enters the synagogue and unrolls the scroll of the prophet Isaiah and reads the following passage: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings of the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.” Wow this is great news! We read and hear this scripture with post resurrection faith. We believe and know that Jesus is the Messiah. Do we live our lives in accord with knowing and believing this about Jesus? We too are anointed in the waters of Baptism and through the Sacrament of Confirmation to go out to bring glad tidings to the poor. To provide food, drink and clothing for the poor among us. To provide help for the grieving and the lost among us. Jesus also says he will set the oppressed free. What do we need to be set free from? An addiction? A sin we keep committing? A lack of charity? Depression? A lack of hope? Sometimes we need to sit to reflect on what we need to be set free from. There are times in our lives that we just keep doing the same thing over and over. We lose sight that we may be doing something sinful or that hurts others that we are in relationship with. Let us offer these up to Jesus for his healing and renewal. At the end of this Gospel reading Jesus says, “Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.” As we hear this today as well, it is fulfilled in our hearing. Jesus boldly shared who he is and what his mission and purpose is in becoming human, for taking on our human flesh. Through the waters of Baptism we also received the power of the Holy Spirit. In the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation we were strengthened and sealed with the Holy Spirit. So we too are anointed into the mission of Jesus Christ. We are the Body of Christ here on earth. We are called to reach out and proclaim hope and joy in the world. We are called to reach out to those hurting both physically and spiritually to be Christ to them. I believe it is also important when we need help to reach out to someone. This can be a very difficult thing to do. Our society tells us that we can do it alone, we can pull ourselves up by our own bootstraps However, this is not what Jesus teaches. We need to be able to reach out to Jesus and ask him to heal us. To free us. To comfort us. In turn the Body of Christ on earth must be willing to reach back when someone is asking for help. It is a two way street, we all need help at some point on the journey and we all can offer help at points along the journey. In trust and hope in the Lord.

Beth Dake Director of Faith Formation

## **SNACK TIME!**

We need more snacks for our Faith Formation children, please. I am looking for cheese sticks, little Debbie's, individual wrapped variety of chips, individual wrapped Goldfish crackers and so on. The snacks can be dropped off at the Parish Office.

### **Rooted In Christ Pastoral Planning Process Parish Meetings**

At this point in the diocese process for planning each parish will have meetings to gather input from parishioners. Mary Park and I are the parish representatives and will conduct these meetings. At the meeting there will be several topics that we will discuss and decide what are our priorities here at St Philip Neri/ St Anne. That information will then be sent to the consulting group for the Diocese of Grand Rapids. We ask that you take time to attend one of these meetings.

**Wednesday February 5<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm in the Parish Room**  
**Saturday February 8<sup>th</sup> after the 4 pm Mass in the Parish Room**

If you have any questions, please contact me at the Parish Office. In hope, Beth Dake

## **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK**

Since 1974, National Catholic Schools Week has been an annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. This year it starts the last Sunday in January and runs all week and is observed with Masses, open houses and other activities for students, families, parishioners and community members. Through these events, these schools focus on the value Catholic education.

In 1947, St. Philip Neri started a Catholic school in the basement of the old church located at the corner of Chestnut & Bittner, now a non-denominational Protestant church. The students were taught by the School Sister of Notre Dame who lived next door to the church. In November of 1948 a new school building was built at 829 South Chestnut, It had four classrooms, an office and a kitchen for hot lunches. In those early years the children would attend daily Mass at the church on Chestnut & Bittner and then walk to the new school. After 22 years of operation the school closed in 1969 due to operational costs. It was leased and later sold to the Reed City Public Schools, and is now home to the Reed Public City Library.

Although there no longer a Catholic school here we can still support Catholic education. Currently we have a Faith Formation program for grade school and high school students at our church. For more information about this program, contact Beth Dake, Director of Faith Formation.