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### **Sunday, January 28**

#### **Fourth Sunday Ordinary Time**

Deuteronomy 18:15-20;

1 Corinthians 7:32-35; Mark 1:21-28

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

### **Monday, January 29**

2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Mark 5:1-20

**1:00 PM- Al Anon**

### **Tuesday, January 30**

2 Samuel 18:9-10, 1-4b, 24-25a, - 30-19:3;

Mark 5:21-43

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

### **Wednesday, January 31**

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

2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17; Mark 6:1-6

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

### **Thursday, February 1**

1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chronicles 29:10-12;

Mark 6:7-13

### **Friday, February 2**

#### **The Presentation of the Lord**

Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18;

Luke 2:22-40

**No Daily Mass**

### **Saturday, February 3**

#### **St. Blaise, St. Ansgar**

1 Kings 3:4-13; Mark 6:30-34

**3:00 PM Reconciliation at St. Philip Neri**

**4:00 PM Mass at St. Philip Neri**

**†Jim Talaske by the Talaske Family**

### **Faith Formation News**

In the Gospel this weekend Jesus rebukes an unclean spirit and orders the spirit to come out of the person. The unclean spirit earlier in the reading says to Jesus “I know who you are—the Holy One of God.” This line gets me every time. The unclean spirits know who Jesus is? The unclean spirits proclaim Jesus as the “the Holy One of God.” Do I proclaim Jesus as the Holy One of God in my life? Do I live my life so that others would know by my actions and words that I believe that Jesus is the Holy One of God? Interesting that evil knows who Jesus is instantly upon seeing him. Evil knows who Jesus is and what Jesus can do and the authority he has. And evil believes. Do I? Do you? Sometimes in our western society we think we have control and authority over our lives. I think that is why we often have trouble with surrendering our lives totally over to Jesus. We think we have control and know better. I will be taking this line to pray this week: I know who you are—the Holy One of God. **LENT 2024:** We are quickly approaching the season of Lent. I invite you to pray about the three pillars of Lent and how you will engage with them: Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving (acts of charity).

#### **Book for Lent**

There will be a book available from Bishop Robert Barron called Lenten Gospel Reflections. They will be available in the back of the Church as soon as they come in.

#### **Lenten Retreat**

On Saturday February 24 there will be a Lenten Retreat, From Wounds to Wonder and Awe; A Paschal Mystery Pilgrimage. The presenter will be Cami Mann. She is a Spiritual Director in our Diocese, an author and worked in parish ministry for many years. This retreat will be hosted by Sacred Heart in Evart. The retreat is being planned for everyone at St Philip Neri/ St Anne, Sacred Heart, and St Agnes (All are welcome). Please put this date on your calendar. It will be a wonderful chance to have a time away to reflect and pray.

#### **Stations of the Cross**

Wednesday evenings at 6 pm we will be praying the Stations of the Cross at St Philip

#### **Almsgiving**

Our Brother's Keeper is a homeless shelter in Big Rapids. They are in need of items to help serve the homeless population. We don't often think about the children who are homeless and live there. The school bus picks them up at the homeless shelter to go to school

each day. You can go to their Facebook page, they have a wish list posted.

Life Resource Center helps women who find themselves in an unplanned pregnancy. They offer support to women in choosing life! They are on the front lines in the fight against abortion. Support is also given after the birth of the child. The center is always in need of diapers and wipes. I would be glad to deliver these items to the center. Just contact me at the parish office. In hope, Beth Dake, Director of Faith Formation

**Msgr. Victor Gallagher**  
**Council 12668**



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

**THE SNOWSHOE PRIEST**



Bishop Baraga

Winter has finally arrived and as we adjust to the snow and cold, we reflect on a priest who knew this season well, Bishop Baraga, also known as the Snowshoe Priest.

Frederic Baraga was born on June 19, 1797 and was the first bishop of the Diocese of Marquette. Father Baraga was a Catholic Missionary who lived and worked with the Ojibwa from 1831 to 1868 in the regions of Lake Superior and Lake Michigan. He was known for his zeal and compassion for the Ojibwa during a time when they were being pressured for removal when the fur traders were working against them.

Fr. Baraga proved a tireless missionary, traveling hundreds of miles by foot, including using snowshoes during the long, harsh winters. He converted thousands of Chippewa and Ottawa and other natives, and he ministered to the settlers, including those who came north for the copper boom.

Fr. Baraga was elevated to bishop by Pope Pius IX on November 1, 1853. He was the first bishop of the Diocese of Marquette

Bishop Baraga died on January 19, 1868 and is buried in a chapel constructed for him at [St. Peter Cathedral](#), in Marquette, Michigan.

Bishop Baraga was declared [venerable](#) by [Pope Benedict XVI](#) on May 10, 2012.

**Thank You**

*Thank you parishioners for your generous support for Our Brothers Keeper. The residents were so grateful for the festive pillows. It brought comfort and joy to their Christmas.*

*Thank you again!*

**Collection Report**  
**January 20, 2024**

	<b><u>St. Philip Neri</u></b>
<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>(36) \$2,520.00</b>
<b>Loose</b>	<b>\$291.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,811.00</b>
<b>Wkly. Budget</b>	<b>\$3,100.00</b>
<b>O/ (U) Budget</b>	<b>(\$289.00)</b>
<b>YTD Budget</b>	<b>\$93,000.00</b>
<b>YTD Collection</b>	<b>\$87,791.59</b>
	<b>(\$5,208.41)</b>

**Schedule of Ministers**  
**February 3, 2024 4:00 PM**

<b>Eucharist:</b>	Beth Hoeh
<b>Eucharist:</b>	Bob Shepler
<b>Eucharist:</b>	Irene Balowski
<b>Word:</b>	Dan Hoeh
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Betty Yost
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Jim Kaverman
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Larry Wisniewski
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Volunteer Needed

**Ash Wednesday and Holy Week Schedule**

**Ash Wednesday**

9:00 AM – St. Agnus  
12:00 Noon – St. Philip Neri  
5:30 PM – Sacred Heart

**Holy Thursday-March 28**

6:00 PM – Sacred Heart

**Good Friday-March 29**

12:00 PM – Stations of the Cross – St. Philip Neri  
1:00 PM – Liturgy of the Passion – St. Philip Neri

**Easter Vigil Initiation Mass-March 30**

Saturday 7:00 PM – Sacred Heart

**Easter Sunday-March 31**

8:00 AM – St. Philip Neri  
10:00 AM – St. Agnus