

Saint Philip Neri  
(Reed City)

Saint Anne  
(Paris)

# The Epiphany of the Lord January 7, 2024



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**Sunday, January 7**

**The Epiphany of the Lord**

Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6;  
Matthew 2:1-12

**Monday, January 8**

**The Baptism of the Lord**

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Mark 1:7-11

**1:00 PM – Al-anon**

**3:00 PM – Knights of Columbus Meeting**

**Office Closing at 2:00 PM**

**Tuesday, January 9**

1 Samuel 1:9-20; 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-8;  
Mark 1:21-28

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

**Wednesday, January 10**

1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20; Mark 1:29-39  
**6:00 PM – 7:00 PM – Faith Formation**  
**Office Closed**

**Thursday, January 11**

1 Samuel 4:1-11; Mark 1:40-45

**Friday, January 12**

1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mark 2:1-12

**9:00 AM – Daily Mass – Rectory**

†Betty Gawne by Robert Walle

**Saturday, January 13**

**St. Hilary**

1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Mark 2:13-17

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

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

†Terry Jenema by Kathy Koneska

**Parish Life Coffee and Goodies after Mass**

**Sunday, January 14**

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19; 1

Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20; John 1:35-42

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

**Collection Report**  
**December 31, 2023**

**St. Philip Neri**

**Envelopes (43) \$2,393.00**

**Loose \$297.00**

**Total \$2,690.00**

**Wkly. Budget \$3,100.00**

**O/ (U) Budget (\$410.00)**

**YTD Budget \$83,700.00**

**YTD Collection \$78,998.59**  
**(\$4,701.41)**

**Schedule of Ministers**  
**January 13, 2024 4:00 PM**

**Eucharist:** Beth Dake

**Eucharist:** Karah Hensel

**Eucharist:** Kalee Kailing

**Word:** Lynne Kreger

**Hospitality:** Steve Leporowski

**Hospitality:** Richard Karns

**Hospitality:** Ed Suckow

**Hospitality:** Kay Suckow

**Weather Policy**

As we enter into winter 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. This is to ensure the safety and well-being of our parishioners to keep them from venturing into unsafe weather and road conditions.

### **Faith Formation News**

This weekend we celebrate Epiphany. In the first reading from Isaiah, we hear encouragement. Israel has been in exile for decades and now returning. Through the eyes of faith Isaiah paints an incredible picture for the people: Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples, but upon you the Lord shines, and over you appears his glory.”

Glory is an interesting word in these verses. In the first chapter of John’s Gospel, which we heard on Christmas day, glory is used this way: And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father’s only son, full of grace and truth. We see and experience this “glory” both from John’s Gospel and Isaiah with post-resurrection faith. But that is the key, we see with eyes of faith.

During the Advent season I wrote about growing in the darkness. That in moments of darkness in our lives, we can still be growing and learning. We can still let the light of Christ that shines for others to see. The Holy Spirit still dwells within us. Just because we may be depressed, lonely or suffering we still have the glory of the Lord upon us. During this Christmas time we recall the birth of Christ, the Word made flesh. The Word is made flesh at every Mass. We take the Word made flesh into our bodies, and the “glory as of the Father’s only son” lives within us. The light of Christ must shine through us as believers of Christ, as disciples of his way. We entrust our lives to the Word made flesh. We “rise up in splendor for our light has come.”

May this new year bring us a deepening of our faith in the Word made flesh, in Jesus Christ. May we spend time with Jesus, building a relationship. May we come every week to Holy Mass to receive the Word made flesh in the Eucharist. May we go to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation often. As we are sent out into the world to be light, we sometimes fall and fail. We to do.” Come be healed and reconciled through this holy sacrament of the Church.

Did you know that Ash Wednesday is February 14! Eat your Valentine chocolate early. Easter this year is on March 31.

In Faith, Beth Dake Director of Faith Formation

### **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 4, 2024 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 for reservations will be taken is January 22, 2024.



### **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](mailto:pneri831@stphilipanne.org) or call the parish office at (231)832-5544.

### **Candles**

Due to the increase in the price of the seven day candles, we sadly have to increase the price to \$4.00 per candle

### **Volunteers Needed**

We are still in need of hospitality Ministers for the Saturday masses. If you would like to volunteer, we would appreciate it very much. We are trying to get enough volunteers so that it would be one Saturday a month.

Please call the office at 231-832-5544 if you are interested.

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



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

**WHAT IS A PERMANENT DEACON**

In our Dec 31 parish bulletin there was an announcement of nine men being ordained as permanent deacons of our diocese. In the January issue of Faith magazine there is article about these men. The question is, “What is a permanent deacon and what are his responsibilities?”

A permanent deacon is a man who is not studying to be a priest, but is ordained to be a deacon permanently. Permanent deacons can be married, they may have families, and they often work a secular job in addition to their role as a member of the clergy. In 1967 Pope Paul VI reestablished the order of the diaconate as a permanent rank.

There are three main areas of service in which a permanent deacon serves. They are Ministry of the Word, Ministry of the Liturgy and Ministry of Charity.

**Ministry of the Word:** As Catholics, we believe that Christ Himself is the word of God. The deacon is the herald of the Gospel. At Mass a permanent deacon can share the good news of the Gospel. A deacon is meant to proclaim the Gospel in every area of his life as part of the sacrament of holy orders.

**Ministry of the Liturgy:** Besides reading the Gospel, a deacon assists at Mass and is a visible sign of his ministry. A permanent deacon can baptize, witness marriages, and preside at funeral services. A permanent deacon can often conduct word-and-communion services.

**Ministry of Charity:** A permanent deacon is a servant of Christ whom brings charity to the world. Some take part in prison ministry; others visit the sick in hospitals and the homebound. Permanent deacons can do different pastoral works within their parish community to which they’re assigned.

**Will you offer your loving home to a child?**

Catholic Charities West Michigan, through a federal grant, will be serving unaccompanied children in response to the crisis at the border. These children need a temporary, safe place to sleep, warm meals, and somewhere they can feel the security of a family.

If you are interested in joining Catholic Charities in caring for these vulnerable children, for a short time (less than a month), they will be holding a **bi-lingual virtual informational meeting on Jan. 8 from 6 – 7:30 p.m.**, to talk about the goals of this program and the steps toward helping these children.

If you’d like to participate in this meeting, please email Arianna Velazquez-Amado at [avamado@ccwestmi.org](mailto:avamado@ccwestmi.org) for the link.

**Nine men to be ordained permanent deacons  
for the Diocese of Grand Rapids**

We invite you to celebrate with us as nine men begin their life of service as permanent deacons in the Diocese of Grand Rapids. Bishop Walkowiak will ordain the men on Saturday, January 13 at 10 a.m.

You are welcome to attend the ordination Mass in person at the Cathedral of Saint Andrew or join the livestream on the diocesan website ([GRdiocese.org](http://GRdiocese.org)) or Facebook page (Diocese of Grand Rapids).

Read more about the men in your Jan./Feb. issue of *FAITH Grand Rapids* magazine in print or online. Please pray for our newest deacons as they prepare for ordination and begin their ministry in the diocese.

**Coffee and Goodies**

The Parish Life Committee will be hosting a coffee after mass next week. January 13, 2024. Please come and join for some treats and great conversation.

