

Saint Philip Neri  
(Reed City)

Saint Anne  
(Paris)

Fifth Sunday  
of Lent

March 24, 2024



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**Sunday, March 24**

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

Mark 11:1-10; Isaiah 50:4-7;  
Philippians 2:6-11; Mark 14:1-15:47

**Monday, March 25**

Isaiah 42:1-7; John 12:1-11  
**1:00 PM Al Anon**

**Tuesday, March 26**

Isaiah 49:1-6; John 13:21-33, 36-38  
**1:00 PM – Bible Study – Parish Room**

**Wednesday, March 27**

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Matthew 26:14-25  
**No Faith Formation K-6**  
**Office Closed**

**Thursday, March 28**

**Holy Thursday**

Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26;  
John 13:1-15  
**6:00 PM – Lord’s Supper - Sacred Heart**

**Friday, March 29**

**Good Friday**

Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9;  
John 18:1-19:42  
**12:00 PM – Stations of the Cross – St. Philip Neri**  
**1:00 PM – Passion of the Lord – St. Philip Neri**

**Saturday, March 30**

**Easter Vigil**

Genesis 1:1-23; Exodus 14:15-15:1;  
Exodus 15:1-6, 17-18; Romans 6:3-11; Mark 16:1-7  
**7:00 PM – Easter Vigil - Sacred Heart**

**Sunday, March 31**

**The Resurrection of the Lord**

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9  
**8:00 AM – Mass - St. Philip Neri Church**  
**10:00 AM – Mass - St. Agnew**

**Collection Report**

**March 16, 2024**

**St. Philip Neri**

<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>(34)</b>	<b>\$1,855.00</b>
<b>Loose</b>		<b>\$204.00</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$2,059.00</b>
<b>Wkly. Budget</b>		<b>\$3,100.00</b>
<b>O/ (U) Budget</b>		<b>(\$1,041.00)</b>
<b>YTD Budget</b>		<b>\$117,800.00</b>
<b>YTD Collection</b>		<b>\$108,671.59</b>
		<b>(\$9,128.41)</b>

**Schedule of Ministers**

**March 31, 2024 8:00 AM**

**Easter Sunday**

<b>Eucharist:</b>	Mary Becerra
<b>Eucharist:</b>	Jesse Becerra
<b>Eucharist:</b>	Irene Balowski
<b>Word:</b>	Amy Shank
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Karen MacKellar
<b>Hospitality:</b>	David MacKellar
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Betty Yost
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Larry Wisniewski

**In Sympathy**

Please remember Thomas W. Eichenberg Jr., Son to Thomas (Margo) Eichenberg. Thomas passed away March 15, 2024. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at the Pruitt Livingston Funeral Home from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM. Interment burial service will immediately follow at the Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

*“Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord  
and let perpetual light shine upon him”*

## Holy Week Schedule

### **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. Agnes

### **Life Resources Baby Shower**

The Lenten Baby Shower is now underway. Life Resources of Big Rapids and its clients are the recipients of this baby shower. Besides the free pregnancy test, free ultrasound, and free parenting support, free baby items are given. That's where we come in. Baby items needed are as follows:

Toiletries – diaper cream, lotion, baby wash, etc (no powder, please)

Bottles

Gerber Soothe Pro infant formula

Infant gas relief drops

Name brand (pampers, huggies) diapers Size NB, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

Pull ups size 2t/3t, 3t/4t and 4t/5t

Household child safety items- Gates (new), outlet covers, safety locks, etc)

Baby health & Hygiene/Grooming items (Tylenol, thermometers, nail clippers, etc)

Newborn size clothing

New or Gently used girls infant clothing 0-24 months (Current urgent need)

New Potty Chairs

New infant toys, such as tummy time mats or toys



## **“I’m calling on every Catholic in America to return to Our Lady and Join in Prayer.”**

### **Raymond Cardinal Burke**

It was during an age much like our own when Our Lady first appeared to Saint Juan Diego some 500 years ago. Again, we are contending with disease, war, and deep spiritual confusion. Again, many poor souls are tempted to fear all hope is lost.

Our Lady has not forgotten her children: her care for us is as strong today as it was 500 years ago.

There is real, miraculous, and transformative peace in the protection of Mary’s Mantle. To this end, Cardinal Burke is calling upon all Catholics to join him in a significant 9 month Novena March 12 – Dec 12, 2024. (For more information please visit the web site below)

[Novena.cardinalburke.com](http://Novena.cardinalburke.com)

### **Msgr. Victor Gallagher**

#### **Council 12668**



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### **What Is A Pyx**

In the Catholic faith, the Eucharist is considered to be the body and blood of Jesus Christ, and receiving Holy Communion is a central aspect of the Mass. However, certain circumstances may prevent individuals from physically attending Mass. In such cases, Communion is brought to them in a pyx (pronounced “picks”). The significance of the pyx lies in its ability to bring the presence of Christ to those unable to be physically present in the church. It represents the care and concern of the Church for its members, ensuring that no one is left out or deprived of the spiritual nourishment provided by the Eucharist.

Understanding the significance and purpose of the pyx can deepen our appreciation for the sacredness of the Eucharist.

The word pyx is Greek for a receptacle, made of wood from the paksos (box-tree) and was used to contain the Blessed Eucharist. It was perhaps the commonest term applied to the cup in which the Blessed Sacrament actually rested when in the Middle Ages it was suspended above the altar. In later times however the term pyx is limited in ordinary usage to that smaller vessel of gold or silver, in which the Eucharist is commonly carried to the sick.

## Faith Formation News

The first part of March I attended a gathering at the diocese. Cardinal Thomas Collins was the speaker. The Cardinal has written a Pastoral Letter on the Sacred Heart of Jesus. While I was away on vacation, I had time to read the Pastoral Letter and reflect on the Sacred Heart of Jesus. I am finding that this letter and time of reflection is helping me prepare to enter Palm Sunday and into Holy Week, into the great love and sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

“The heart is a natural sign of true love: it is hidden, it is steady, and it is reliable. As it beats, moment by moment, day by day, year by year, it keeps us alive. That is true love, not the sentiment that deceives, nor the passing infatuation that blows away like a cloud. That is the Sacred Heart of Jesus, steady and true, and that is what we must take to heart. Our life of Christian discipleship must be guided by the profound vision of love represented by the Sacred Heart.”

“The Sacred Heart image shows **the heart wounded**, and this reminds us of a scriptural foundation of the devotion, the reference in John 19:34 to the lance piercing the side of Christ on the cross. From this verse there developed Christian meditation upon the wounds of Christ, especially the wound to the heart, from which, the Gospel states, flowed blood and water.”

“The Sacred Heart is portrayed as **encircled by a crown of thorns**. As with the wound in the heart, the crown of thorns reminds us that real love, faithful love, totally committed love for others, can lead to rejection and suffering. If we only act in order to attract applause, and shift our principles to guarantee that approval, we will never truly live or love at all, and we will lose our very self. Real love is inseparable from integrity, and may well include a crown of thorns, which reminds us of the cost of discipleship.”

“The Sacred Heart is **surmounted by a cross**, the primary symbol of Christian faith: it draws us to contemplate sacrificial love of Jesus, as he lays down his life for us on the cross. In a world that would crucify an innocent man, Jesus returns love for hatred and says: “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” (Luke 23:34) The love represented by the Sacred Heart is that sacrificial love, which is centered not on self, but on others. We must go and do likewise.”

“The Sacred Heart is **surrounded by flames**. These flames of glory, for love of the quality represented by the love of Jesus is truly glorious. They are flames that provide light in a

world darkened by sin, and warmth in a world that too often is cold, that treats people as things to be used, not as persons to be loved. They are flames of zeal, sign of the fire that came down upon the disciples at Pentecost, as they were sent out to set the world on fire for Christ, as are we all.”

“Sometimes, **Jesus points to the Sacred Heart**, inviting us to come to him when we labour and are heavy laden; sometimes **the arms of Jesus reach outward**, welcoming everyone, as he calls us to do. The Sacred Heart is a powerful symbol of the love of Jesus, which each of us was commissioned to make present in this world on the day we were baptized. More than every before, our fractious world now needs the love symbolized by the Sacred Heart of Jesus.” (Heart Speaks to Heart, A Pastoral Letter on the Sacred Heart of Jesus, by Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto)

Finally let me offer you these final lines from Mother Mary Magdalen who died in 1960. She was a Passionist nun from Spain and a spiritual writer. This letter was to her spiritual director. “May the great mysteries of Gethsemane, the trail, and Calvary unfold in our hearts because of their intimate union with Jesus. And when our beloved has expired on the cross, may our hearts be his tomb, closed to everything else, until our eyes see his glorified wounds.”

In love, Beth Dake Director of Faith Formation

### Empty Egg Cartons

If you have any empty egg cartons you are looking to get rid of, Pete Caruso will gladly take them off your hand. Please put in the back of the church and Pete will get them.

Thank you

### Friday Fish Fries

Here are some local fish fries that are being offered for the Lenten season:

**St. Anne Senior Center**, Baldwin 4:00 PM – 6:30 PM

**Christ the King**, Howard City 4:30 PM – 7:00 PM

**St. Mary Parish**, Big Rapids 4:30 PM – 7:30 PM

**St. Michael's**, Remus 4:30 PM – 7:00 PM

