

Saint Philip Neri Church (Reed City) and Saint Anne Mission (Paris)

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Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time November 19, 2023

Sunday, November 19

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Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6; Matthew 25:14-30

Monday, November 20

1 Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63;

Luke 18:35-43

1:00 PM Al-anon

Tuesday, November 21

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Maccabees 6:18-31; Luke 19:1-10

1:00 PM -3:00 PM – Bible Study St. Philip Neri
Parish Room

Wednesday, November 22

St. Cecilia

2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31; Luke 19:11-28

No Faith Formation

Office Open 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Thursday, November 23

St. Clement I, St. Columban, BI Miguel Agustin Pro;

Thanksgiving Day

1 Maccabees 2:15-29; Luke 19:41-44;

Lectionary 943-947

Office Closed

Friday, November 24

St. Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions

1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59;

1 Chronicles 29:10-12; Luke 19:45-48

No Daily Mass

Office Closed

Saturday, November 25

St. Catherine of Alexandria

1 Maccabees 6:1-13; Luke 20:27-40

3:00 PM Reconciliation at St. Philip Neri

4:00 PM Mass at St. Philip Neri

†Larry Eichenberg by Marlene Eichenberg

Turkeys

For those who have donated turkeys, please bring your frozen turkey(s) to **St. Philip Neri between 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Sunday, (tomorrow) November 19.** Thank you to all you have donated towards the Thanksgiving Baskets this year. Another huge success. This would not have been possible without the generosity of our Parish.



Community Outreach Opportunity

As Christmas approaches, we are reminded there are many who go without. Our Brothers' Keeper has a need for pillows for their residents. New "basic" pillows with handmade cases will be donated to Our Brothers' Keeper for Christmas. New pillow donation (in original wrapping) will be accepted through the end of November. All donations may be dropped off in the Pius room at St. Philip Neri or at the parish office during the week.

Thank you. Beth Hoeh

Annual Coat Drive

The Reed City Ministerial Association (RCAMA) 'Coat Drive' is going on. Please bring gently used coats, hats, mittens/gloves and boots to the donation box that is in the entryway of the church.

Gifts for Kids 2023

Osceola County Residents Only

Need Help with Gifts and Food during the Christmas Season?

All persons interested in registering for help during the Christmas Season must contact Salvation Army at 231-779-5205 or 231-253-1940.

Volunteers are available to take calls until– December 1, 2023. Monday–Friday from 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM.

Event will be held on Saturday, December 9 at Evart Middle School. Prior registration is required.

SCRAP METAL COLLECTION

Collection of scrap will pause for the winter on November 30th. Scrap metal collection will resume next spring.



Faith Formation News

This weekend the first reading is from the book of Proverbs. This reading is sometimes used at funerals for a wife and mother. It is just lovely. The first few lines of the reading begin with: When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls. Her husband, entrusting his heart to her, has an unfailing prize. She brings him good, and not evil, all the days of her life.”

Over my years of ministry in the Church I have been honored to witness so many women who are wives and mothers give tenderly and tirelessly to their husbands and children. They bring goodness and joy to their families. They take care of them in loving sacrifice. Often this happens behind the scenes and without fanfare.

I witness young mothers give of themselves in ways that make me tired just watching them. I had a mother without being asked, made homemade cookies for the 7-12 Faith Formation session. I know she works full time outside the home, she has kids in sports and other activities all week long. Yet, she took time to offer homemade treats to our group. I also know our mothers long for a connection with our Lord and the faith community here at St Philip.

I witness mothers with grown children who pray for their children to return to the faith. I witness them caring for their elderly husbands. They know their husbands have “entrusted his heart to her.” In their old age they continue to live out the vows they took in the sacrament of marriage. And so without counting the cost to themselves they love and serve their husbands.

I often hear my sisters talk about their kids. Sharing that sometimes at 9 pm one child will say I need this shirt for school tomorrow or I need 3 dozen cookies for school tomorrow. That sister would get up early the next morning and start making cookies or start the laundry so that child would have what they needed for school or work. I see my other sister working and giving so much to help one of her children reach her dream. She cares for her and yet works hard to give her the wings she needs to reach for the dream she has for her life. This all takes energy, time, and sacrifice.

I encourage you this week to reach out to your wives and mothers. To let them know how much you appreciate them. How much good and love they bring to your life. Sometimes mothers and wives do not get the support and encouragement they deserve in our society today. However, mothers and wives are vital to the raising of good and holy families. Help them know they are important, they are seen and loved for who they are and for all they give, share and care of their families.

Husbands, the first line of this reading might be a good one to reflect on this week: When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls.

Let us be thankful for our mothers and wives as we approach the Thanksgiving Holiday. I know they are not perfect. I know some people did not have great mothers. But there is someone who stepped in to bridge the gap. Who is that person? Reach out to them. We are often blessed more than we realize. We have great gifts from God that we often fail to use. Let us pray that we may offer our gifts and talents to our families, to our communities and to our world.

In Thanksgiving and joy,
Beth Dake, Director of Faith Formation

The 2023 Giving Tree Project

You will find in the entrance of St. Philip Neri Church numerous tags available on the Giving Tree for you to take. The intention is for a person to take a tag or as many tags as he or she wishes, purchase the item(s), and then bring it back unwrapped with the tag attached.

Please bring the gift(s) to St. Philip Neri no later than Wednesday, December 6. These items will be distributed to those in need on December 9. Our parish works with the Skilled Care/Rehab Nursing Center of Spectrum Health—Reed City Campus and Gifts for Kids. *The tags for the Skilled Care/Rehab Nursing Center include items like large-size shower gel, large-size body lotion, slippers, diabetic socks, etc.* The Gifts for Kids section, for which we are responsible, is “Children Ages 4-7.” Since the children are only allowed one gift, please make this gift a value of \$25. **No clothing please.** When you bring your gift, take an ornament off the tree as a small token of appreciation. Persons interested in making a monetary donation to “GFK” may forward checks made payable to **GFK 2023:**



**Mecosta Osceola County DHHS
800 Watertower Road
Big Rapids, MI 49307**



Collection Report November 11, 2023	
<u>St. Philip Neri/St. Anne</u>	
Envelopes	(47) \$3,150.00
Loose	<u>\$274.00</u>
	\$3,424.00
Wkly. Budget:	<u>\$3,100.00</u>
O/ (U) Budget:	\$324.00
YTD Budget:	\$62,000.00
YTD Total:	\$56,104.09
	(\$5,895.91)

Schedule of Ministers November 25, 2023 4:00 PM	
Eucharist:	Tom Fabus
Eucharist:	Susan Fabus
Eucharist:	Irene Balowski
Word:	Sandy Fogue
Hospitality:	Richard Karns
	Ed Suckow
	Kay Suckow
	Steve Leporowski