

**Saint Philip Neri Church (Reed City)
Saint Anne Church (Paris)**

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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 19, 2021

Sunday, September 19

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Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; James 3:16 – 4:3;
Mark 9:30-37
8:00 AM Mass at St. Anne
10:00 AM Mass at St. Philip Neri

Monday, September 20

**Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon,
Paul Chong H-Sang and Companions**
Ezra 1:1-6; Luke 8:16-18
1:00 PM - AA Meeting/Al-anon Meeting
Offices Closed

Tuesday, September 21

St. Matthew
Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:9-13
9:00 AM Mass-St. Philip Neri
7:00 PM Al-anon Meeting
8:00 PM AA Meeting
Offices Closed

Wednesday, September 22

Ezra 9:5-9; Luke 9:1-6
9:00 AM Mass-St. Anne
†Living and Deceased of the
Henry Kailing Family by Ed and Kay Suckow
6:00 PM-7:30 PM Faith Formation K-6
Offices Closed

Thursday, September 23

St. Pius of Pietrelcina
Haggai 1:1-8; Luke 9:7-9
9:00 AM Mass-St. Philip Neri

Friday, September 24

Haggai 2:1-9; Luke 9:18-22
9:00 AM Mass-St. Philip Neri
*Richard Lenahan by Harriet Lenahan

Saturday, September 25

Zachariah 2:5-9, 14-15; Jeremiah 31:10-13;
Luke 9:43-45
3:00 PM Reconciliation-St. Philip Neri
4:00 PM Mass at St. Philip Neri

Sunday, September 26

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Numbers 11:25-29; James 5:1-6;
Mark 9:38, 43-48
8:00 AM Mass at St. Anne
10:00 AM Mass at St. Philip Neri

Fr. Mike's Musings

The Third Commandment required Jews and Christians to keep the Sabbath day holy. For Christians, the Sabbath obligation is fulfilled on Sunday, in celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord. As part of keeping the Sabbath, Catholics are required to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation

At the beginning of the pandemic, when public Masses were restricted, the people of the Diocese of Grand Rapids were dispensed from the obligation to attend them. Now that the pandemic has abated and the restrictions have been eased, the dispensation has been lifted as of February of this year. This means that the people of the Diocese will again be under the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days.

It should be noted, however, that those persons remain dispensed from the obligation who are unable, for serious reasons, to attend Mass. Serious reasons include, but are not limited to, such things as illness, caring for others, health issues due to chronic conditions. Inclement weather, including extreme heat, can pose health risks for some, while icy conditions could be dangerous for drivers or for the elderly who are in danger of falling and sustaining serious injuries.

Those who have questions should consult their pastors and parish priests, who also have the power to dispense and commute the obligation in individual cases.

Yet, while the obligation to attend Mass can be excused or dispensed, there remains the Divine Law obligation to keep the Sabbath day holy. Those who for serious reasons cannot attend Mass are encouraged to unite themselves with the Eucharistic celebration from afar, by use of the readings and prayers from the Missal, and by use of electronic media or television, and especially through their desire for the Eucharist expressed in an act of 'Spiritual Communion'. They should at least spend an appropriate time in prayer. Those who do not have a legitimate reason, such as those listed above, are obliged by conscience and commandment to attend the Sabbath celebration of the Mass. TV and the Internet do not constitute "attending Mass" for the able-bodied, and most certainly does constitute a conscious separation from the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

We should not excuse ourselves lightly from personal participation in the Mass, which should not be seen as a burden imposed by the law, but as an eagerly awaited opportunity to come together to be the Church, God's people celebrating together and in person the Eucharist of the Lord, "the source and the summit" of the Christian life and receiving in the sacrament "that which provides the medicine of immortality, the antidote for death, and the food that makes us live forever in Jesus Christ."

Weekly Contributions
September 11-12

	<u>St. Philip Neri</u>		<u>St. Anne</u>
Offering Env. (31)	\$2,365.00	(12)	\$720.00
Loose	153.00		80.00
Total	\$2,518.00		\$800.00
Wkly. Budget	\$3,596.15		
O/ (U) Budget	(\$278.15)		
YTD Budget	\$39,557.65		
YTD Collection	\$35,604.00		
	(\$3,953.65)		

St. Philip Neri: September 25, 4:00 PM

Eucharist: None at this Time
Word: Sandy Forgue
Hospitality: Steve Leporowski

St. Philip Neri: September 26, 10:00 AM

Eucharist: None at this Time
Word: Susan Fabus
Hospitality: Tom Fabus
 George Strodl

St. Anne: September 26, 8:00 AM

Eucharist: None at this Time
Word: Dan Hoeh

Knights of Columbus



Msgr. Victor Gallagher
Council #12668

Become a Knight Today!

Did you know that the international organization known as the Knights of Columbus is 139 years old? That we were founded by a parish priest, Blessed Fr. Michael J. McGivney? That Pope St. John Paul II called the Knights the strong right arm of the Church? Did you know that Knights change lives and save lives through our "Faith in Action Programs"?

To learn more about the activities of the Knights of Columbus here at St. Philip Neri–St. Anne check out the table at the rear of the churches. There you will find copies of our monthly newsletter and other information about our council.

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for Ministers of the Word, and Hospitality/Usher volunteers for all Masses at both St. Philip Neri and St. Anne.

Please contact Deb in the Parish Office at:
(231) 832-5544

Faith Formation News

This weekend we celebrate 'Catechetical Sunday'. We will offer a special blessing over our Catechists and Aides that are helping in our K-6th Grade Faith Formation at the 10:00 AM Mass on Sunday. Because these people said "yes" in offering their time and talents to teach and help in Faith Formation we can offer this program. With the generous gifts and support of this parish we can offer Faith Formation to our young people. I am grateful to all of you.

Our Catechists this year are K-1 Grade Jenny Armstrong, and aide Ashley Visner. 2nd Grade Antoinette Yiberhu and Sarah Morlock, the aide is Ali Renne. 4th, 5th, and 6th Grade is Gerianne Dent and aide Dawn Montague. I will be leading the 7-12 Grade. Please keep these Catechists in your prayers as they pass on the faith to our young people.

In the Gospel this weekend we hear that Jesus took a child and placed His arms around the child. Jesus then says, "*Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me.*" The disciples have been arguing about who was the greatest among them. I am going to guess that we all struggle with this issue at one time or another in our lives. I too struggle with wanting to be the best, which is different than doing my best. I envy others positions and authority. I get jealous of other people's successes, and recognition. And then I go celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I am reminded to offer the gifts that I have been given, and to know the road of holiness is a long and sometimes difficult journey.

Jesus once again the great teacher takes the least among us. In those times a child would have no rights in society. A child would be considered more like a slave. Jesus takes the most vulnerable, a child and puts His arms around the child and lets the disciples have it with boldness: "*Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me (receives Jesus!) and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me (God the Father).*" Holy Cow! Jesus says a lot in this short verse.

How do we receive the poor, the sick, a child, the least among us? Are we a community of faith that reaches out to the least among us? Are we willing to use our gifts and talents, no matter what they are or how society views that gift, to build up the Body of Christ? I often pray the prayer that St. Clare is noted for: "*May I live my ordinary life, extraordinary well.*"

In faith and hope,

Beth Dake,

Director of Faith Formation

'Rosary: Coast to Coast'

This event will be anchored by the 5th annual 'National Rosary Rally' in front of the U.S. Capitol Building in Washington, D.C. on October 10, 2021. People across the country will be praying the Glorious Mysteries simultaneously. Please come to pray for the return of our nation to God and to holiness.

St. Philip Neri Grotto
October 10th at 4:00 PM

In the case of inclement weather we will meet inside the church.