

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

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Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 26, 2021

Sunday, September 26

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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

Knights of Columbus Coffee and Donuts after Mass

Monday, September 27

St. Vincent de Paul

Zechariah 8:1-8; Luke 9:46-50

1:00 PM - Al-anon Meeting

Tuesday, September 28

St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions

9:00 AM Mass-St. Philip Neri

Zechariah 8:20-23; Luke 9:51-56

7:00 PM Al-anon Meeting

8:00 PM AA Meeting

No Daily Mass

Wednesday, September 29

Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; John 1:47-51

9:00 AM Mass-St. Anne

6:00 PM-7:30 PM Faith Formation K-6

No Daily Mass

Thursday, September 30

St. Jerome

9:00 AM Mass-St. Philip Neri

Nehemiah 8:1-7-12; Luke 10:1-12

No Daily Mass

Friday, October 1

St. Therese of the Child Jesus

Baruch 1:15-22; Luke 10:13-16

9:00 AM Mass-St. Philip Neri

No Daily Mass

Saturday, October 2

The Holy Guardian Angels

Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29; Matthew 18:1-5, 10

3:00 PM Reconciliation-St. Philip Neri

4:00 PM Mass at St. Philip Neri

Sunday, October 3

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 2:18-24; Hebrews 2:9-11;

Mark 10:2-16

8:00 AM Mass at St. Anne

10:00 AM Mass at St. Philip Neri

Retreat and Renewal

For the next two weeks, September 27-October 10, I will be away for the annual diocesan convocation of priests in Traverse City, after which I will be heading to Carson City for a week of physical rest and a personal spiritual retreat. During that time I humbly ask for your prayers of support, for myself and all the presbyterate of the diocese, as we recharge in anticipation of great celebrations of the late autumn and winter months.

I also ask that you extend a warm welcome to Fr. Darrel Kempf who will be celebrating in my stead at the October 2-3 Masses. Fr. Kempf is currently pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Pewamo. He has graciously agreed to serve as celebrant during my time away, and I thank him for his generosity both as a good friend and a brother priest.

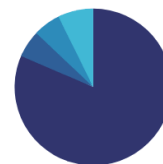


Celebrating the Generosity of Our People

Goal: \$33,000,000

TOTAL RAISED
\$35,944,053

As of Sept. 16, 2021



- SEMINARIAN EDUCATION: \$29 million
- PRIEST RETIREMENT: \$2 million
- CAMPAIGN EXPENSES: \$2 million
- ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR SEMINARIAN EDUCATION OR CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR PRIESTS: \$2.6 million*

*Money raised over the \$33 million goal has been designated by Bishop Walkowiak for these initiatives.



'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.

Weekly Contributions
September 18-19

	<u>St. Philip Neri</u>		<u>St. Anne</u>
Offering Env. (31)	\$2,759.00	(12)	\$540.00
Loose	<u>200.00</u>		<u>75.00</u>
Total	\$2,959.00		\$615.00
Wkly. Budget	\$3,596.15		
O/ (U) Budget	(\$22.15)		
YTD Budget	\$43,153.80		
YTD Collection	<u>\$39,178.00</u>		
	(\$3,75.80)		

St. Philip Neri: October 2, 4:00 PM

Eucharist: None at this Time
Word: Lynne Kreger
Hospitality: Harriet Lenahan
 Betty Yost

St. Philip Neri: October 3, 10:00 AM

Eucharist: None at this Time
Word: Leo Rosneck
Hospitality: Bob Shepler
 Tyler Shepler

St. Anne: October 3, 8:00 AM

Eucharist: None at this Time
Word: Dan Hoeh

Knights of Columbus



Msgr. Victor Gallagher, Council 12668

HOLY CROSS CHILDREN'S SERVICES

"No man stands so tall as when he stoops to help a child."

From the dreams and visions of the founders of the Brothers of Holy Cross and the Knights of Columbus came the formation of Boysville, now known as Holy Cross Children's Services.

The Knights of Columbus along with Holy Cross Children's Services volunteer countless hours to ensure the well-being of all children. The Knights of Columbus of Michigan have taken on the role "foster fathers" of Boysville, or as it's now known, "Holy Cross Children's Services", by underwriting the operating expenses of the school.

Through fund-raising activities our council provides financial support to Holy Cross Children's Services. A special thanks to our parish family and local community for helping us in this effort.

Crossroads CROP Walk Cancelled

Due to various reasons, the 2021 Crossroads CROP Hunger Walk set for October 10 has been cancelled. Next year we will be back stronger than ever. In the meantime, please continue to support the local Food Pantry.

The Christian Service Committee

Faith Formation News

Again, this weekend in the First Reading and Gospel we hear about jealousy and envy. The Gospel shows how the disciples wanted to be the only ones driving out demons and talking about Jesus, not "others" who were doing so. Jesus tells them; *"If they are not against us, they are for us."* We can all work together. But we are humans, with sinfulness that arises in our hearts and minds.

I remember in 7th Grade I wanted so bad to be a cheerleader. It was a very popular group, and you would be considered part of the "in" group. I went to the week-long training after school and then the try outs. The next morning the list of who made the squad would be posted before school. I did not make the cheer team. I went back to the car and told my mother and said I was alright, but I was not. My heart was hurting. I so wanted to be part of the popular group; I was jealous of those who did make the squad. I went to the third-floor bathroom the have a moment by myself. And in walks one of the girls, a friend of mine, who made the team. She was crying tears of joy; she did not think she would make the team, but she did. She fell into my arms and cried. Then she went to class and so did I. I was so jealous of the girls, all my friends, who made the team.

It was very painful for me. I wanted to be on the cheer team so bad. I wanted the attention and to be part of the "in group" so much. However, being jealous did not get me anywhere. I had to find something else, another path. If you listened to Bishop Barron homily last weekend, he quoted St. Thomas Aquinas on the definition of jealousy, *"an irrational anger at the success of others."*

It would be easy to say here that being in Junior High is a difficult age and all that is happening at that time is hard. But as adults I would guess several of us struggle at one time or another with jealousy. We see others who we think have perfect lives. We see others getting what they want. Yet, we don't get what we pray for, we struggle, we are sick and suffering. We begin to compare ourselves and lives to others. I remember a spiritual director of mine saying comparing ourselves to others is not helpful or healthy. As adults we often stuff the anger inside and pretend it is not there.

Instead of suffering those feelings and thoughts let us approach the Lord with open minds and hearts. Let us trust that our Lord will embrace us and love us. Our Lord will forgive our sins and help us see the wonder He made in each one of us. The path and purpose of our lives are in His hands. We need to surrender and trust that purpose and plan. Seems so simple yet trusting and surrendering our will and tendencies over to our Lord can be so difficult. But I keep handing my will over, our Lord continues to receive it and shows me a more perfect way. A way that makes room for everyone and each person's gifts and talents. To be used for the good of all, not to be something to compare our gifts and life journey to but to embrace all, knowing that Jesus has a wonderful plan and purpose for each one of us.

Remember there is healing in celebrating the sacrament of Reconciliation. Jealousy and envy are capital sins (meaning **caput**=from the head). We need to ask forgiveness and change our thinking to be more influenced and aligned with the ways of Christ. Reading the word of God, celebrating the sacraments are great starting point. We will never be perfect, but we can pray that God's will be done in our lives and trust.

In faith and hope,
 Beth Dake, Director of Faith Formation