

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

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Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time September 5, 2021

Sunday, September 5

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Isaiah 35:4-7; James 2:1-5;

Mark 7:31-37

8:00 AM Mass at St. Anne

10:00 AM Mass at St. Philip Neri

Monday, September 6

Colossians 1:24-2:3; Luke 6:6-11

1:00 PM - AA Meeting/Al-anon Meeting

Labor Day – Office Closed

Tuesday, September 7

Colossians 2:6-15; Luke 6:12-19

9:00 AM Mass-St. Philip Neri

†Kay Hodges by Family

7:00 PM Al-anon Meeting

8:00 PM AA Meeting

Wednesday, September 8

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Micah 5:1-4a; Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23

9:00 AM Mass-St. Anne

†The Deceased members of the Andres Family
by Joe and Carol Battle

Thursday, September 9

St. Peter Claver

Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 6:27-38

9:00 AM Mass-St. Philip Neri

†Suffering Souls in Purgatory by Jim Talaske

Friday, September 10

1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14; Luke 6:39-42

9:00 AM Mass–St. Philip Neri

†Margo Eichenberg by Tom Eichenberg

Saturday, September 11

1 Timothy 1:15-17; Luke 6:43-49

3:00 PM Reconciliation-St. Philip Neri

4:00 PM Mass at St. Philip Neri

Sunday, September 12

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 50:4-9; James 2:14-18;

Mark 8:27-35

8:00 AM Mass at St. Anne

10:00 AM Mass at St. Philip Neri

Father Mike's Musings

We are all shocked at one level or another at the prejudices that are all too often exhibited through the course of our daily lives. But it is not a new, or uniquely Western behavioral pattern. We see similar prejudices time and again in the Gospels. Jesus frequently tells His fellow Jews about times in history when God intervened to help non-Jews and foreigners. This was potentially dangerous for Jesus for by this time Judaism had almost become what we could say was “a closed group”, Jews looked down on those who were not Jews. Others were inferior, they were superior. Jesus challenged that thinking, and the perceived status of the Jewish people in the world.

What has this got to do with us? We should ask ourselves, “*Do we look down on others? Do we consider others inferior?*” The Jews were blind to foreigners being favored by God but that did not mean the foreigners had not been favored by God. Are we blind to God’s love for others? It is our attitude to others that is frequently put under the microscope in the Gospels.

We are all equal members of God’s family. That’s good to remember because there are so many divisions in society, so many boundaries, and it is good to know that with God there are no divisions or boundaries between us, we are all members of His one big family. It is good to bear this in mind with so many un-Christian things being said about refugees and asylum seekers. The society you left as you entered the door of this church was not perfect. But here in the church you are just as precious as the person next to you. We are all adopted sons and daughters of God. We all receive the same Eucharist; we all receive the same Lord.

Having an unhealthy attitude towards others is only a symptom of a greater problem. The problem is forgetting that we, as baptized, are all equal in dignity before God, forgetting that Jesus died to save each one of us here, that He died to save the persons next to us. If we look on others and point-out their differences rather than our commonalities, we fail to love because we are not patient and kind. We become jealous, we become boastful and conceited, we become rude and selfish. We take offence at minor or non-existent slights and become resentful. In living in the darkness of these divisive fallacies we risk remaining forever blind and deaf to the wonders wrought by our common Father. We become a danger to our Christian selves.

20 Years Remembered

Next weekend, September 11-12, marks the 20th anniversary of the tragedy of ‘9/11’. In remembrance of this sad day in our country’s history we will be praying the “Patriotic Rosary” at the Marian Grotto at St. Philip Neri following the 10:00 AM Mass for the repose of the souls of those lost on that day and for peace in our troubled world.



Weekly Contributions
August 28-29, 2021

	<u>St. Philip Neri</u>		<u>St. Anne</u>
Offering Env. (33)	\$1,855.00	(6)	\$270.00
Loose	<u>160.00</u>		<u>138.00</u>
Total	\$2,015.00		\$408.00
Wkly. Budget	\$3,596.15		
O/ (U) Budget	(\$1,173.15)		
YTD Budget	32,365.35		
YTD Collection	<u>28,483.00</u>		<u>(\$3,882.35)</u>

St. Philip Neri: September 11, 4:00 PM

Eucharist: None at this Time
Word: Karen McKinney
Hospitality: Steve Leporowski

St. Philip Neri: September 12, 10:00 AM

Eucharist: None at this Time
Word: Sue Maskill
Hospitality: Tom Fabus
 Susan Fabus

St. Anne: September 12, 8:00 AM

Eucharist: None at this Time
Word:

Knights of Columbus



Msgr. Victor Gallagher
Council #12668

“FOOD FOR FAMILIES”

The Knights of Columbus are committed to helping end hunger through their Food for Families Program. K of C councils throughout the United States donate millions of dollars, millions of pounds of food, and hundreds of volunteer hours to their local food pantries. Our council donates at least \$500 a year to Reed City Food Pantry.

In addition, several members and their spouses perform volunteer work at the pantry and some donate food items. Parishioners can also help by making a donation and/or volunteering at the pantry. Contact the parish office to find out how you can help eliminate hunger in our community.

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 at the Parish Office at:
231-832-5544

Faith Formation News

How do you treat other people? Maybe someone you never met. What if they are poor or poorly dressed? This weekend in our second reading the first line reads, “*My brothers and sisters, show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ.*” (James 2:1) What does it mean in our lives not to show partiality?

Are we inclined only to reach out to those who are nice to us? Those who think like we do, those who have the same spirituality and those who look like us. What judgements do we make when we look at someone? How do we treat the poor verses those who have money? Because of original sin, none of us will be perfect at this, however over the years I have watched my mother reach out to diverse people. She has been friends with an ex-drug dealer, reached out to bring dinner to a couple who lied about the loss of a loved one. Yes, we may be taken advantage of if we “show no partiality.” She has friends that are poor and loss souls, she has support those in jail. People who are so rough around the edges and use language I don’t even know what the words mean--she is friends with them.

I have learned over the years how judgmental I can be. Often this judgement comes out of my fear. I fear because of the way someone looks, talks, behaves, what they own or don’t own. Fear is something I have had to struggle with over the years in my journey with the Lord. To be a disciple of Christ, means I must put my fear and ignorance aside and reach out to those whom the Lord has put in front of me. To offer support, food, clothing, love, joy, a smile, money, and the list goes on. Show no partiality, I will be taking time this week to continue to reflect on this part of the scripture reading. I offer it up to you as well to consider and pray over.

Faith Formation Registration: A reminder that registration is due for K-12 Faith Formation.

RCIA: If you are interested in becoming Catholic and or would just like to talk about it, please call me at the Parish Office. I will be glad to meet with you and talk about the process.

In faith and hope,

Beth Dake, Director of Faith Formation

Ways to Give to the CSA

Online: dioceseofgrandsrapids.org/CSA:

Click the “Give Now CSA 2021” button where you will be given the options for making secure monthly installments or a one-time gift using a credit/debit card or a bank account number.

Mail: Please fill out the pledge card that was included in your CSA mailing and mail it to St. Philip Neri-St. Anne parish.

In Person: You may also fill out your pledge card and return it to the parish office or drop it in a collection basket at Mass.

Osceola County Commission of Aging

Commission on aging will be hosting a Loaded Baked Potato day. We will be hosting at four Meal Site Locations. **September 9, 2021.** Loaded potato will be \$6.00 if you would like pulled pork it will be an additional \$2.00.

Reed City UMC-503 S. Chestnut St.
Evart-732 W. 7th St.
Tustin-213 Neilson St.
Marion-101 E Main St.

The time at all locations will be from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM. Please call to Pre-order **231-734-5559**. Pickup will be drive-thru style. We hope to see you at one of our locations.