

Saint Philip Neri
(Reed City)

Saint Anne
(Paris)

Second Sunday
of Lent

February 25, 2024



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Sunday, February 25

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Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18;

Romans 8:31b-34; Mark 9:2-10

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM – Faith Formation 7-12

Monday, February 26

Daniel 9:4b-10; Luke 6:36-38

1:00 PM AI Anon

Tuesday, February 27

St. Gregory of Narek

Isaiah 1:10, 16-20; Matthew 23:1-12

1:00 PM – Bible Study – Parish Room

Wednesday, February 28

Jeremiah 18:18-20; Matthew 20:17-28

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM Faith Formation K-6

6:00 PM – Stations of the Cross – St. Philip Neri

Office Closed

Thursday, February 29

Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 16:19-31

Friday, March 1

Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a;

Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

9:00 AM -St. Philip Neri -Rectory

Saturday, March 2

Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Matthew 5:43-48

3:00 PM Reconciliation at St. Philip Neri

4:00 PM Mass at St. Philip Neri

†Ray Hutchinson by Glenn Norton

Collection Report

February 17, 2024

St. Philip Neri

Envelopes (31) \$2,015.00

Loose \$262.00

Total \$2,277.00

Wkly. Budget \$3,100.00

O/ (U) Budget (\$823.00)

YTD Budget \$105,400.00

**YTD Collection \$98,375.59
(\$7,024.41)**

Schedule of Ministers

March 2, 2024 4:00 PM

Eucharist: Beth Hoeh

Eucharist: Dawn Montague

Eucharist: Tom Fabus

Word: Amy Shank

Hospitality: Betty Yost

Hospitality: Jim Kaverman

Hospitality: Larry Wisniewski

Hospitality: Volunteer Needed

Thank you

I would like to thank my Church Family for all the cards, letters and well wishes. I am doing very well. I will be heading home in the next couple of days.

Mary Lou Proefrock

Msgr. Victor Gallagher
Council 12668



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our parish community*

**THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN
A CRUCIFIX AND A CROSS**

One of the things people notice about a Catholic crucifix is the figure of Jesus on the front, and Christians who are not Catholic, often ask why we don't use a plain cross since Jesus rose from the dead? Why do we call a cross, a crucifix?

A crucifix is a visual reminder of Christ's crucifixion. It reminds us to trust in the Lord. A person may find comfort in gazing at a crucifix with a figure of Jesus on the front that Jesus Christ died and rose from the dead into eternal life in heaven. Many people gaze upon the figure of Jesus on the cross, remembering the great suffering he endured and knowing that Jesus can identify with the sufferings they are going through. Still others can sympathize with how Christ was mistreated or that He was innocent of the charges against him and He forgave even those who put him to death.

There are many lessons that Christ's example on the cross can teach us. But, the most important reason a crucifix is so important to Catholics, is because we remember the human side of Christ, who suffered greatly so that we can be forgiven of our sins. The image of Jesus dying on the cross also reminds us that a person can be forgiven and receive salvation, even in the last hour of life, the same way that Christ forgave the good thief, assuring Him a place in paradise.

The Good News is that Jesus rose from the dead. That death doesn't have the final say. Christ's willingness to die for us is the greatest act of love the world has ever known. He set the example for our own lives and this helps us, and to die to ourselves, and to our own selfishness. We pick up our own cross daily and follow in the footsteps of Jesus, keeping fresh in our mind who He was and what His life meant when we gaze upon the figure of Christ on the cross.

Faith Formation News

This weekend the Gospel reading is the account of the Transfiguration of Jesus. This past week I was listening to a podcast on Identity. I found it very interesting in this podcast when she talked about Jesus' identity. That in the Baptism of Jesus when he comes out the water a voice is heard from God says, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased" Matthew 3:17. Jesus is the Son of God, that is his identity. Immediately after Jesus' baptism he is lead by the Spirit out into the desert to be tempted by the devil. Notice it is the Spirit that is leading. I am being very mindful this Lenten season that it was the Spirit that led Jesus out into the desert and is leading me during this Lenten season.

Once into the desert Jesus is tempted by the devil who says, "if you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread" Matthew 4:3. The devil challenges Jesus identity, if you are the Son of God? In today's Gospel reading of the Transfiguration, we hear God's voice again telling the Apostles, "This is my beloved Son, listen to him." There is no doubt who Jesus is, he is the beloved Son of God. What if we put our name into that phrase? What if we meditated on that phrase? Would it help us form and inform our identity as part of the Body of Christ? "Beth, you are a beloved daughter of God." "With whom I am well pleased." Seems strange to me. But I am a beloved daughter of God. You are also a beloved child of God. Believe in that Love, believe in your identity! That you are a member of the Body of Christ. You are being saved through the waters of baptism. You are loved by God. Jesus was tempted, yes, but he did not give in to that temptation. Jesus knew who he was. Do we believe in who we are in Christ? When we truly believe and live that identity in Christ our world will change. Our lives will change. Believe and find new life this Lenten season as we journey to Easter joy.

In faith, Beth Dake Director of Faith Formation

Wednesday and Holy Week Schedule

Stations of the Cross-St. Philip Neri Church

6:00 PM -Every Wednesday thru Lent

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. Agnus

Easter Flower Envelopes

Please note that the envelope for Easter flowers is in your envelope box in April. If you would like to use that envelope please be sure to write on the envelope who you would like it in memory of.

Second option: Envelopes are in the back of the church that may be used that already have the line for in memory of.

I would like the envelopes all turned in by March 16, 2024 to be able to get the names in the bulletin.

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



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



Mark Your Calendars!

As we begin the season of Lent, the Diocese of Grand Rapids will once again offer a special opportunity to receive the sacrament of reconciliation.

“The Light is ON for You: An Evening of Penance”

Thursday, March 14

5 - 8 p.m. in almost every parish of the diocese

Visit GRdiocese.org/penance for details