

# ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE PARISH

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

# OVERJOYED AT SEEING THE STAR

— MATTHEW 2:10 —

### **THE MISSION OF OUR PARISH**

As members of the Diocese of Joliet,  
we are a faith community united in Christ  
by a common bond to the universal  
Catholic Church.

Our words and actions are a reflection of Christ's  
presence among us.

We manifest God's Word through  
active participation in spiritual, liturgical,  
educational, service, and social ministries  
directed at bringing all people to Christ.

### **MASS SCHEDULE**

Weekday Masses:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday at 8:00 a.m.  
Communion Service on Wednesday at 8:00 a.m.

Weekend Masses:

Saturday at 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday at 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday at 4:00 p.m.  
Tuesday following 8:00 a.m. Mass

## **ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE PARISH DIRECTORY & INFORMATION**

**Rectory Office Hours:** Monday through Thursday (8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.), Friday (8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.)

**School Office Hours:** Monday through Friday (8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.)

**Website:** [st-phil.org](http://st-phil.org)

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/StPhilipAddisonIL](https://www.facebook.com/StPhilipAddisonIL)

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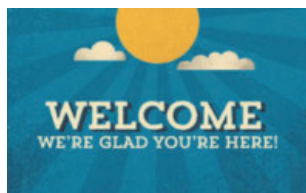
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***If you are a new visitor  
to our church today,  
welcome!***

***If you would like more  
information about our  
church or would like to***

***register in the parish, please contact any of the  
staff members listed above or fill out a simple  
online registration form at [st-phil.org](http://st-phil.org).***

### **PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENTS & BULLETIN DEADLINES**

Parish staff reserves the right to accept/decline/edit  
pulpit announcements and bulletin submissions.  
Please submit pulpit announcements to Deacon Phil Heitz  
([pheitz@st-phil.org](mailto:pheitz@st-phil.org); 630-628-0900 x104) no later than the  
Thursday preceding the desired weekend.  
Please send bulletin submissions to Cathy Jaskey  
([cjaskey@st-phil.org](mailto:cjaskey@st-phil.org); 630-543-1754) a week prior  
to desired publication date.



Welcome  
New Members!



Please give a warm St. Philip's welcome to the following people who joined our parish community in December:

Mr. & Mrs. Aurelio Parenti  
Mr. Fernando Segura  
Ms. Cindy Sliwinski

We also welcome the following babies who were baptized in December:

Siena Apolonia Balice, child of  
Michael Balice & Laura (Denigris) Balice

Isabella Valencia Kohut, child of  
Michael Kohut & Elisabeth (Denigris) Kohut

Alaina Anne La Frenier, child of  
Steven La Frenier & Dana (Stevens) La Frenier

Evan Salvatore Norton, child of  
Brian Norton & Josephine (Toia) Norton

Lucia Abigail Saucedo, child of  
Gilberto Saucedo & Olivia (Benitez) Saucedo

## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF January 8 to 14, 2024

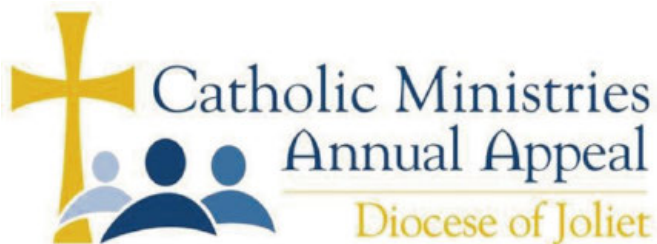
<b>Monday</b> 1/8/24	<b>School Resumes</b> 8:00 a.m.-Mass (Church) 9:00 a.m.-Art & Environment (Church)
<b>Tuesday</b> 1/9/24	8:00 a.m.-Mass (Church) 8:30 a.m.-Confessions after Mass (Church) 6:30 p.m.-Discovering Christ Adult Faith Formation (Room 1) 7:00 p.m.-Contempo Choir Practice (Church)
<b>Wednesday</b> 1/10/24	<b>Religious Education Resumes</b> 8:00 a.m.-Communion Service (Church) 4:15 p.m.-RE Classes for Grades K-5 6:45 p.m.-RE Classes for Grades 6 & 7 6:45 p.m.-RE Grade 8 Night of Reflection
<b>Thursday</b> 1/11/24	8:00 a.m.-Mass (Church) 12:30 p.m.-Senior Socialites (Room 1) 3:00 p.m.-School Children's Choir Practice (Church) 7:00 p.m. Traditional Choir Practice (Church)
<b>Friday</b> 1/12/24	8:00 a.m.-School Mass (Church)
<b>Saturday</b> 1/13/24	8:00 a.m.-Legion of Mary (Room 1) 4:00 p.m.-Confessions (Church) 5:00 p.m.-Mass (Church)
<b>Sunday</b> 1/14/24	8:00 a.m.-Mass (Church) 9:00 a.m.-OCIA (Room 1) 10:00 a.m.-Mass with Children's Liturgy of the Word and Traditional Choir (Church) 12:00 p.m.-Baptisms (Church)

## Senior Socialites NEW YEAR CELEBRATION!

JANUARY 11, 2024 IN ROOM 1  
ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE PARISH

Can't wait to welcome 2024 together, enjoy a feast, and follow our Cruise Director with fun and games. A \$5 free-will donation is requested to help defray the cost of our meal. Looking forward to seeing all of your festive sparkles and New Year attire. Anyone over 55 is welcome to the festivities. All are welcome!





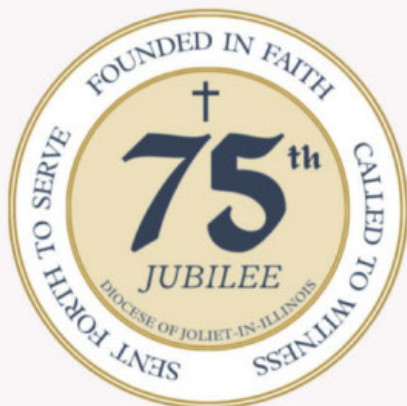
## The 2024 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal has begun!

As the Diocese of Joliet launches the 2024 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), we are humbly asking all parishioners to pledge their support for this important effort, as together we can make a profound difference.

This year's CMAA theme is For the Glory of God. Through our support, we ensure that the mission and ministries of Christ's Church are available to everyone. Together, we can help provide safe shelter for the homeless, feed the physical and social needs of those who are hungry, inspire those discerning a life of vocation, and aid in the education of our next generation of Catholics. Our parish could not accomplish all of this on its own, but together through the appeal we can do so much more.

Our parish's goal for the 2024 CMAA is \$59,000, and 70 percent of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to us and used fruitfully within our own parish. Please review the materials you receive in the mail from the Diocese of Joliet this month and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's annual appeal.

If you do not receive a CMAA mailing, please contact the parish office. Thank you!



*Commemorating  
75 Years of  
Catechesis,  
Evangelization  
and Service*



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[diojoliet.org/75th](http://diojoliet.org/75th)



## *75th Anniversary Prayer*

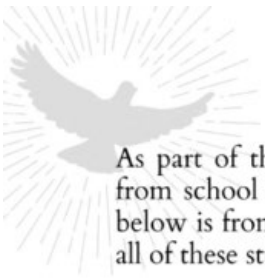
All-knowing and loving God,  
we give you thanks for your blessings upon  
the Diocese of Joliet.

For 75 years, we have been  
**founded in faith,  
called to witness, and  
sent forth to serve.**

In thanksgiving  
for your abiding presence among us,  
and with gratitude for the life and service  
of those who have gone before us,  
we recommit ourselves  
to carrying out this mission entrusted  
to them, to us, and to future generations.

Relying on the intercession of our patron,  
St. Francis Xavier,  
may our diocese continue to be a source of hope  
for the Church and all peoples,  
now and in the years to come.

We pray this in the name  
of Jesus, your Son  
by the power of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen



## *Letters to the Parish*

### *Preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation*

As part of their preparations for their Confirmation on January 27, 2024, the eighth-grade students from school and the Religious Education Program wrote letters to St. Philip parishioners. The letter below is from Michelle Roberson, an eighth-grade student at St. Philip the Apostle School. Please keep all of these students in your prayers as they continue their preparations toward adulthood in the Church.

Dear St. Philip the Apostle Parish, My name is Michelle. My mom decided on this name because it is the female version of Micheal, after Saint Micheal the Archangel. I am blessed to have such a powerful saint to watch over me. I have always had a strong religious foundation in my life. My parents lift me up and support me in my faith. I don't think things are perfect, but they don't have to be. I have been in Catholic schools my whole life, but I started attending St. Philip in second grade. I have made amazing connections here. My friends and teachers are very wise and help me understand my faith better. I want to especially acknowledge my teacher, Mrs. Sannasardo. She is so inspirational and a true vessel for the Holy Spirit while we make this confirmation journey as a class. When I'm confirmed, I want to be able to guide people like I am being led now.

This year has been very transformative for me. I go to church and pray before meals, but for the first time I've started to realize why. My family has always guided me through everything I need to know about my faith. But, now I've started to pray on my own time, and truly speak with God during mass and rosary. I think that I'm starting a relationship that I always thought I had. As I grow closer to God, and with confirmation so close at hand, Satan is more prevalent in my life. I've struggled recently with balancing some aspects of my faith. I prayed for a long while for Mary's help, but I couldn't quite reach the peace I was searching for. I turned to my confirmation saint and, despite the reassurance, it was still hard to work things out. Eventually, I asked for inspiration from the Holy Spirit. I came to decide that talking with my priest was the best way to settle my heart. In the end, I was able to work out what was bothering me, and do what I hoped was right. The point is, I am starting to discover the way God works directly and indirectly in my life. It's hard to express the change in my life, but it seems so clear to me. I have a real desire to be good for Him. Scripture always says how Christ wants to be our friend. It sounds so obvious, but I don't think it's as easy as it seems. I always considered myself His friend, but was I really? If I never talk to someone except out of politeness, if I visit his or her house but don't pay attention to him or her, am I really a friend? I think not. So, it's this train of thought that made me realize my relationship with God needs the same, if not more, attention as any other. It's hard, but God really is there and I can talk to Him.

After confirmation I will be ready to truly start my journey in faith. I want to live more fully as a child of God. I want to be confirmed because I want to live with God. This is the first step of my journey. It's really exciting to know that I am beginning a life with Christ. There's a lot about myself, and even more about God, that I don't know. There are lots of things in my life that bring me closer to the truth and Him. Every day, I don't go to lunch in the gym or go to recess. Instead, my best friend Maria and I go to the preschool room to help out. I love it. There is something really special about such young kids. We eat lunch there and also help with the activity that day. My favorite is when we read books to them. I know I want to be a caregiver, and this helped me discover that. We found out it counted for service hours too, which is really awesome. I hope caregiving is something that can be a big part of my life. So many people have taken care of me. My parents have always supported me and helped me grow up to be the person I am. Especially my grandma. She babysat me when I was very young, and she does the same for my cousins. She still picks me up from school some days when my mom goes into the office. I love her so much. She is probably the most faithful person I know. Every conversation with her is about Christ. It's amazing. She cares so much and has a story all of her own. She inspires me. That's why I choose Grandma as my sponsor.

I asked her on the front lawn of her house on my birthday. Grandma was delighted to help me in my faith in such a vital way. Recently, I forwarded her my saint paper for confirmation. She said that Dymphna was a good saint for me. St. Dymphna means a lot. She was a princess who took a vow of chastity when she was a young teen. Her mother passed away soon after. Her father was driven mad by grief. Some of his advisors told him there was only one woman as beautiful as his late wife. Dymphna. Fortunately, she discovered her father's wicked intentions and fled to Geel. She created a hospice for the mentally ill there. But still, her father found her and asked for her hand in marriage. She denied him, and he struck her down. It seems sad, Dymphna was barely 15 when she passed. Her life was riddled with unspeakable acts. Yet, I think Dymphna is so strong. She was able to love her pagan father even though their beliefs were different. When the basic truths of marriage and love were challenged, Dymphna did not give in. It seems like it should be obvious that her father's intentions were sinful. However, we are losing our grasp on the importance of marriage in today's society. When that goes, other boundaries will be soon to follow. There is so much more about Dymphna that I connect with. I want to be as strong as her. I think that her desire to heal the mentally ill is something I really admire. I want to work with people the way she did.

I hope that these words can really express what I am feeling. In the days leading up to confirmation, I am getting ready for my parish to welcome me in a new way. I am planning to join a youth group at my parish soon, and I hope I will meet other inspired Catholic youths. I am so well supported in my journey, and I am very grateful for the amazing people that are guiding me. I want to face the world with God in my heart. Dymphna guides me, and I hope she is proud when I am finished. Have a nice day! God be with you, Michelle Roberson

#### **Prayer for the New Year**

Dear Lord, With thanksgiving we entrust our year to You: whatever it holds, whoever we encounter, wherever we traverse. What You supply is gift. May our comings and goings be aligned with Your will. Amen. ©LPI





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Please mark your calendars for Sunday, January 28th for our annual school Open House from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Registration for new families for the 2024-25 school year also begins on this day. Teachers will be available to answer questions and families can take a tour of the school. We look forward to seeing you!

Congratulations to all of the contestant winners of the "Keep Christ In Christmas" poster contest!



Special recognition to those who were awarded 1st place - Cristyn, Emilia, and Sofia. The Knights of Columbus CL 650 Addison sponsor this annual contest. The 1st place winners will compete in a regional contest and will be displayed at the Village of Addison building as well. Thank you to Mrs. Sheehan for her amazing help with the contest and to the Knights for their continuous and generous support of our school!

*Interested in joining the Knights of Columbus? Call 708-415-7719 or visit <http://kofc650.org> for more information.*

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 (3)/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11  
**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28  
**Wednesday:** 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39  
**Thursday:** 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45  
**Friday:** 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12  
**Saturday:** 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17  
**Sunday:** 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a)/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

PLEASE JOIN US FOR  
A NIGHT IN  
**HOLLYWOOD**

RAFFLES  
OPEN BAR  
SILENT AUCTION  
DINNER AND DANCING

**St. Philip Gala 2024**

STEP RIGHT UP

Friday, Feb. 2  
6 p.m.

**Empress Banquets**  
Addison, IL

Tickets, Sponsorship Opportunities, Auction Items & more  
Scan the QR code or search: [stphil.home.qtego.us](http://stphil.home.qtego.us)



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The Religious Education office, the catechists, and teen assistants wish you all a happy New Year. Religious Education classes begin again on Wednesday, January 10th. The 8th Graders will be participating in an Evening of Reflection and Reconciliation so they can prepare for the Gift of the Sacrament of Confirmation they will be receiving on January 27th.

I look forward to this next journey with the families in Religious Education. Thank you for your support. Schubie

### **Family Connection to the Gospel**

The tradition of giving gifts at Christmas is thought by some to be rooted in the gift giving of the Magi. In many cultures, gifts are not exchanged at Christmas, but rather on the feast of the Epiphany. Whenever you exchange your Christmas gifts, take some time to reflect on this tradition of gift giving at Christmas. Think of the best gift you have received. What was it? What made it special? Was it the gift itself, the thought that went into it, or the person who gave it to you?

Read today's Gospel, Matthew 2:1-12. The gifts of the Magi—gold, frankincense, and myrrh—have come to be understood as symbols of Christ's royalty, divinity, and eventual suffering and death. They are special because in giving them, the Magi acknowledge who Jesus was to be: our Savior. We pray that we will acknowledge Jesus as Savior in all that we do and say. Conclude by singing together "We Three Kings." Source: *Sunday Connection*, Loyola Press

### **Live the Liturgy - Inspiration for the Week**

Though the magi did not know where the star of Bethlehem would lead, they trusted that God would be with them along the way. Let us all embrace that same faith as we go about the journey God has planned for us this year. ©LPi

The magi come looking for Jesus, but they start by looking in the wrong place. Where might your expectations be keeping you from seeing the fullness of God's work?

Herod's wickedness has him clinging fast to power. What is a place in your life where you might need to let go of some power or control?

The magi finally encounter Jesus not in the palace they expected but just in a house. When have you encountered God in a surprising place? Source: Living Liturgy



## **Children's Liturgy of the Word**

We are excited to announce Children's Liturgy of the Word will begin in 2024 on Sunday, January 14th at 10 a.m. Mass. It is typically held at 10 a.m. Masses on the second and fourth Sundays of the month depending on holidays. The goal for a separate Liturgy of the Word with children is to help them hear God's message in a way they can participate. This is a liturgical experience that opens young people to hear and respond to God's Word in a focused environment.

We want to:

Help children to have an age-appropriate experience of the Liturgy of the Word

Help children to apply the Word of God to their own experiences and actions

Help children to become closer to God

Help children to learn how to participate, both internally and externally, in the celebrations of the Mass.

All children 5-9 years of age can participate!

Mark your calendar for these Spring 2024 Children's Liturgy of the Word dates:

January 14 and 28; February 11 and 25; March 10; April 14 and 28; May 12





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Are you really interested in searching diligently for the most important person in your life? What emotional distances are you willing to travel to find the one who is your King? What treasures are you willing to offer to Jesus? Are you corrupted by secular considerations, or are you willing to live counter-culturally when necessary? These are all very pertinent questions for all of us as we continue our journey of discipleship.

Sherry Weddell in *Forming Intentional Disciples* has noted that seekers (i.e. those searching for God) work through various thresholds in trying to determine whether to follow Jesus. They finally reach a point where a final decision whether or not to do so is required since seeking cannot continue forever. A deliberate act of the will is required.

To reach the decision to make that deliberate act, some questions first need to be answered. "What gives meaning to your life?" "What has your relationship with God been like to this point in your life?" "If you could ask God one question that you knew He would answer right away, what would it be?"

Weddell found many seekers lack a clear understanding of Jesus. She acknowledges that "We can no longer presume that people around us already know the story. On the contrary, we have to presume that (a) many don't know the basic facts of the Story; (b) a good deal of what they 'know' may be wrong; (c) they don't know how the parts of the story fit together to make a whole; and (d) they don't know what the story means for them personally. Nor do they know what it means for their family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, or the world."

Personally, we need to determine if we are spiritually ahead or behind in our knowledge of the Story (i.e. the life and message of Jesus). We need to evaluate how our individual life circumstances, opportunities to learn the message, and the openness to the Holy Spirit's guidance we've had in our lives.

Weddell remarks that it's only after we have "...an open heart ...that enables an individual to declare with faith 'Jesus is Lord.'"

God's story reveals we were "...created for a life full of love, peace, truth, beauty, goodness and meaning that begins now, lasts forever and can't be taken away...called the Kingdom or reign of God." We learn that Jesus' earthly ministry is of healing and forgiving. Jesus' Passion narrative leads us to ponder how much God must love us.

A key to our faith is the historical event of the Resurrection having been attested to by many witnesses over many days. The witnesses not only gave testimony, but the quality of their lives changed.

According to Weddell, discipleship leads to recognizing one's personal sin and the need for forgiveness. She quotes another writer discussing young adults, "For a person to feel guilty, that person must have a sense of morality. But morality requires a potent sense of what is right and wrong, and it needs a powerful sense of what is true and false. Contemporary culture does not provide the average iGen with a profound grasp of what is right and wrong apart from the conviction that assaulting the self is clearly wrong."

We'll continue with Weddell's observations in the next article. May God grant you a wonderful week.

### *Ministry Schedule for January 13 & 14, 2024*

<b>Saturday, Jan 13 5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Lector:</b> Kristin Gross <b>Extraordinary Ministers:</b> Bonnie Daniello, Carol Cesario, Judy Alber <b>Altar Servers:</b> Natale Panzeca, one needed <b>Ushers:</b> Michael Grigsby, Jim Panzarella, Mike Provinzino, Fran Schwichtenberg <b>Celebrant:</b> Fr. Binu Varghese
<b>Sunday, Jan 14 8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Lector:</b> Janet Baier <b>Extraordinary Ministers:</b> Ann McGreal, Deacon Sean McGreal, Dennis Baier <b>Altar Servers:</b> Carli Facht, Ryder Reyes <b>Ushers:</b> Dan Facht, Ethan Facht, Jack Ochocinski, Pamela Reith <b>Celebrant:</b> Fr. Binu Varghese
<b>Sunday, Jan 14 10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Lector:</b> Ralph Scavone <b>Extraordinary Ministers:</b> Patti Sue Stolfe, Annamarie Corcione, Michael Bruntz, one needed <b>Altar Servers:</b> Bradley Tran, Bryce Tran <b>Ushers:</b> Angela Addante, Pat Corcione, Dave Marshall, Trinh Tran <b>Celebrant:</b> Fr. Binu Varghese

### **Do you hear God calling you to ministry in the church?**



We need men, women, and children to become Lectors, Communion Ministers, Ushers, and Altar Servers. Please contact Deacon Philip Heitz, OFS if you want to answer the call.





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Usually sudden manifestation or perception of the essential nature or meaning of something or an intuitive grasp of reality through something usually simply and striking.

This is the definition of epiphany. However today we celebrate the Epiphany of our Lord, the manifestation of God's light and love coming to the world and recognized by the Magi representing to the whole world.

As the ultimate gift given to us, Jesus is the realization of and the way to eternal life. We are all born with gifts and talents instilled in us by God. Our responsibility is to develop these treasures for our benefit and for the benefit of others. These attributes don't wane with age. For the best gifts we have are the ones that help us show our love and thus mirror the love of God, the unconditional love that only grows stronger as we give it away.

We all share this love in our own way, but the result is the same; shared love creates a vulnerability that leads to an intimacy of spirit through shared experience and reconciliation.

Maybe this year our resolution should include an inward journey to our own epiphany moment of rediscovering our talents and to develop them into a more fruitful extension of ourselves in sharing and showing the love that has been given to us so we in turn can give it away.

Peace and blessings for the New Year, Deacon Sean

**CURIOUS ABOUT THE  
MEANING  
OF YOUR LIFE?**

**Seek answers at Discovering Christ.**  
Tuesday Nights from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. in Room 1



A great (free) dinner    An engaging video message    Conversation about the message

Join us for Discovering Christ. Enjoy a free dinner, listen to a dynamic teaching, and join in a small group discussion about the meaning of life in Jesus Christ. Discovering Christ is a seven-week series from Tuesday, January 9 to February 20 at the St. Philip Parish Center. Also mark your calendars for a life-changing retreat on Sunday, February 11, 2024.

**FOR MORE INFO & HOW TO REGISTER,  
VISIT ST-PHIL.ORG OR SCAN THE QR CODE:**



**Weekend Offertory for December 23/24, 2023**

**Actual Offertory:** \$15,325

**Budget Offertory:** \$13,187

**Favorable/(Unfavorable):** \$2,137

**Weekend Offertory for December 30/31, 2023**

**Actual Offertory:** \$14,951

**Budget Offertory:** \$13,187

**Favorable/(Unfavorable):** \$1,763

**Fiscal Year to Date - July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024**

**Actual Offertory:** \$326,173

**Budget Offertory:** \$356,051

**Favorable/(Unfavorable):** (\$29,878)

**Fiscal Year to Date - Current Year Vs. Prior Year**

**Current Year to Date Offertory:** \$326,173

**Prior Year to Date Offertory:** \$332,058

**Favorable/(Unfavorable):** (\$5,885)

**Christmas Collection 2023**

**Christmas 2023 Actual Offertory:** \$47,866

**Christmas 2023 Budget Offertory:** \$52,000

**Christmas 2022 (Last Year) Offertory:** \$53,097

*Thank you for your generosity!*

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

### MONDAY, JANUARY 8

*The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord*

**8:00 AM** John Gonzalez

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

**8:00 AM** Michele & Domenica Di Tusa

**Individual Rite of Penance Following Mass**

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

**8:00 AM** (Communion Service)

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

**8:00 AM** Mildred Potempa

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

**8:00 AM** John Kondracki

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

**4:00 PM** Individual Rite of Penance

**5:00 PM** Anticipated Mass for Sunday

Sandi Milazzo / Antonio Cesario

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

**8:00 AM** People of the Parish

**10:00 AM** Kazimerz Bien / Alexis Abraham

Michael Salituro / Jonathan Laxamana

Agatha Abbinanti / Filippo Sgaramella

Mother's Day Mass Card Recipients

*Please pray for our sick & shut-in and those who are healing & convalescing...*



Jenny Bellezza,  
Ray Bugielski,  
Alison Carey,  
Toni Cheloni,  
Brian Cherry,  
Tim Kullum Cherry,  
Sylvia Culotta,  
William Czerniak,

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*Please get permission from family members or the person who is ill before requesting that his/her name be added to the prayer list.. To add names to the list, please call 630-543-1754 or email [cjaskey@st-phil.org](mailto:cjaskey@st-phil.org). Names are deleted from the list after six months unless a request is made for a perpetual listing.*



Let us remember in prayer our deceased relatives, friends, and parishioners, especially:

**Lee Archambault**

**Ralph Ferrara**

Our sympathy to their friends and families.



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*Please pray for all of our young men and women currently serving in the Armed Forces, especially:*

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Salvador Bonilla, Jr., Air Force  
Elijah Burgins, Marines  
Emiliano Carrazco, Marines  
Kevin Catano, Marines  
Steven J. DeMarco, Army  
Matthew Deimling, Army  
Jack Domek, Marines  
Adam Dorney, Army  
Samantha Fallon, Navy  
Diego Feros, Army  
Blaze Galaray, Air Force  
Martin Garcia, Army  
Mark Jastowski, Marines  
Dylan Johnson, Army  
José Juarez, Navy  
Paul Keppler, Navy  
Ben Krause, Marines  
C. J. Loveland, Air Force  
Trevor Martin, Marines

Kristofferson Marzo, Army  
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Matthew Maslanka, Army  
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Ryan Mills, Air Force  
Billy Moncatch, Marines  
Jason Okara, Army  
Enrique Ospina, Marines  
Adam Ostrander, Navy  
Cole Parent, Marines  
Randall Petrbok, Air Force  
James Roman, Marines  
Ryan Ruizol, Navy  
Andrew Tarchinski, Army  
Patrick Tobias, Air Force  
Isaiah Wuich, Marines

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**Baptism Information:** Baptisms are celebrated on the second & fourth Sunday of each month. A pre-Baptism program must be attended by the parents. Please call the rectory to register for a program.

**Marriage Information:** Please call the rectory to make arrangements at least six months (a year is preferred) in advance of the wedding date. It is recommended you do not rent reception facilities until your wedding date is confirmed with the pastor. Your preferred wedding date may be unavailable, and we do not want you to lose your deposit with the reception venue.

**Parish Registration:** New families are welcome and are asked to register at the rectory. Also, previously registered parishioners are asked to notify us of any address changes.

**Liturgical Ministries:** We need men, women, and children to become Lectors, Communion Ministers, Ushers, and Altar Servers. Please contact Deacon Philip Heitz, OFS if you are interested.

**Emergency Sick or Anointing Calls:** Please notify us immediately of any serious illness in your family. If you have a hospitalized loved one who would like a visit, please call the rectory with contact information since the hospitals and hospices no longer notify parishes. Please do not wait until the last minute to have someone anointed. There are always accidents/emergencies, but sometimes there is less panic when the anointing can be done prior to someone passing.

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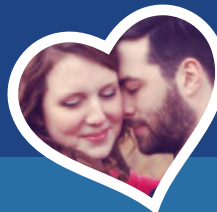
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