Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls.

James 1:21b
**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.

**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.)
Rectory Summer Office Hours: Monday through Thursday (8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.); Friday (8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.)
Website: http://www.st-phil.org Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/StPhilipAddisonIL/

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**PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENTS & BULLETIN DEADLINES**
Parish staff reserves the right to accept/decline/edit pulpit announcements and bulletin submissions. Please submit pulpit announcements to Carol Schubert (cschubert@st-phil.org; 630-628-0900 x104) no later than the Wednesday preceding the desired weekend. Please send bulletin submissions to Barb Nicolai (bnicolai@st-phil.org; 630-543-1754) a week prior to desired publication date.
Interested in joining the Knights of Columbus? Please call 312-391-3843 or visit http://kofc650.org for more information.

**August 29, 2021**
**Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Prayer of the Faithful**

Having humbly welcomed God’s word, let us now call to mind those who are in need and offer our prayers for the world.

For Christians everywhere, especially those who are being persecuted for their beliefs in the Middle East and in Asia, let us pray to the Lord.

For all those in the world who are suffering from the evil that comes from the hearts of others, especially hatred and violence, let us pray to the Lord.

For all of us who hear God’s word today to be inspired to care for those around us who are outcast, on the peripheries of our society, let us pray to the Lord.

For all those who work to enforce and uphold the laws of our land, that their vital work may be tempered by mercy and common sense, and for an end to gun violence in our nation and in our community, let us pray to the Lord.

For students and teachers as they begin another year in school, and for their parents, administrators, and all who support and encourage them, let us pray to the Lord.

For all those who are sick, for all who suffer from COVID-19, and for all who have died, let us pray to the Lord.

For all the prayers that we hold in the silence of our hearts; for all our intentions spoken and unspoken, let us pray to the Lord.

O God, through Jesus you have shown us what should be most important in our lives. Grant us the grace to heed your call, and graciously hear all these our prayers through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

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**National Geographic Cover Story: Mary, the Most Powerful Woman in the World!**

Who is this woman who has dominated world history? What is true devotion? You will never be the same when you give yourself entirely to Jesus! Please join us for a five-week discussion group on Consecration at St. Philip the Apostle Parish.

**Jesus Christ through Mary by St. Louis DeMontfort True Devotion**

Session 1: August 24 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 1  
Session 2: August 31 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 1  
Session 3: September 7 at 7:00 p.m. in Art/Music Room  
Session 4: September 14 at 7:00 p.m. in Art/Music Room  
Session 5: September 21 at 7:00 p.m. in Art/Music Room  
Please RSVP to Peter Skocik at 630-261-0926.

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**ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE PARISH BLOOD DRIVE**

Monday, September 6 (Labor Day)  
8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
St. Philip the Apostle Parish Gym  
Please consider becoming a blood donor. It is the most wonderful heroic thing you can do! When you give blood, you can actually save the lives of three people. Visit our table in the narthex today to become a life saver. Please call Judy Socha at 630-628-1959 for more information or an appointment.

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**CREATE A FAMILY LEGACY!**

Use this free tool to create a will, write your legacy, and make sure your values and values are passed on to those you love!  
**FREEWILL.COM/DIOCESEOFJOLIET**

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We’ve partnered with FreeWill to make planned giving easier than ever. Visit freewill.com/dioceseofjoliet to write a will at no personal cost, and include the necessary language to support the diocese with a gift in your plans. FreeWill’s online will-writing tools allow you to make a last gift to the Diocese of Joliet quickly and easily.

**Please visit https://bible.usccb.org to access the Sunday readings.**

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We want to keep in touch! Please take a moment to update your contact information. It’s so easy! Just fill in the fields on our parish website page, click “submit,” and you’re done! Thank you!  
**https://www.st-phil.org/contact-information-update.html**
Happy 10th Diaconate Anniversary, Deacon Sean!

Every October the Catholic Church celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October is observed as Respect Life Sunday. Please save the date of October 3 to pray silently for one hour (2:00 to 3:00 p.m.) for the National Life Chain at Advantage Clinic in Wood Dale.

**Special collection for Haiti recovery efforts set for weekend of September 11-12**

The people of Haiti have suffered greatly in recent days, as both an earthquake and tropical storm have struck the country located in the Caribbean Sea. Numerous lives have been lost, and many Church properties, along with homes and businesses, have been severely damaged or destroyed.

Catholic Relief Services is on the ground providing humanitarian aid, and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Subcommittee on the Church in Latin America has approved $10,000 grants to each of the three most affected dioceses. But more help is needed. IUSCCB president, Archbishop Gomez of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles has called for a voluntary, special collection to support the USCCB Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund to provide additional aid to Haiti. The Diocese of Joliet has set the weekend of September 11-12 for this special collection. Thank you for your generosity and prayers for the people of Haiti.

**Support our local businesses!** We ask that you remember our parish bulletin advertisers in any way you can during and after this difficult time. We want to express our extreme gratitude for everything that they do. They are the financial resource for the bulletin which helps us to stay in touch with you. As you can, please patronize these businesses that do so much for St. Philip the Apostle and our community. Please keep them in your prayers as well.

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You are cordially invited to

**“Sing With the Angels”**

In honor of

**Blessed Mother’s Birthday**

Friday, September 10

6:30 pm

(please arrive on time)

St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church

551 N. Rush Street, Itasca

Don’t forget to bring your rosary.

- please register on the parish website -
  (or call Maria at 630-373-4710)

Dinner will be provided;
please bring an appetizer to share.

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**“SING WITH THE ANGELS” Catholic Ministry**

If you need a change in your life, right here and right now, then come. Come as you are and “Sing with the Angels”

The Lord has been calling your name.

“Sing with the Angels” is a program designed to inspire people of all ages to worship and praise Jesus in a new way. Through this program, you will discover a new passion for Christ that will pour out of you and seep into the world around you. You will become Disciples of Christ.

“Sing with the Angels” is a series of mini-retreats designed to enrich your body, mind, soul, and spirit. Each program is presented with a specific theme that may correspond with the Catholic liturgical year.

All of these programs will include either the recitation of the Most Holy Rosary or The Chaplet of Divine Mercy. There will be music and a time for silent reflection. Most of the programs also include videos, speakers, fellowship and much more.

The Lord is calling your name to “Sing with the Angels.” Whether you choose to worship and praise Him with one loud voice or just join us in the silence of your hearts, you are always welcome. You will find this to be a Heavenly experience like no other.

Just come.
We will be welcoming back religious education families to the 2021/2022 school year during our Family Night on Wednesday, September 8, at 7:00 p.m. in the church. As part of that evening’s activities, you will have an opportunity to meet the catechists and learn about the plans for the coming year. The first class for Grades K-5 will take place on Saturday, September 11, from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.; classes for Grades 6-8 will start on Wednesday, September 15, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Everyone participating in the RE Program, adults and children, will wear masks and maintain social distancing while they attend classes in our church building.

Registrations are still being taken for the 2021/2022 classes. Forms may be downloaded from our parish website st-phil.org or you can pick up a form in the literature rack in the church narthex. Please let your friends and neighbors know that preparation for First Communion is a two-year process (Grades 1 & 2), but we encourage families to start their children off by enrolling them in kindergarten to establish a good (and fun!) foundation for their faith formation. Confirmation is a mandatory three-year process starting in Grade 6 and culminating in eighth grade. Home study is not an option during the sacramental years (Grades 2 & 8).

Please contact me if you have any questions about the upcoming year or religious education in general. We look forward to a wonderful new year of safe and productive in-person classes! Thank you to all of the parents for the work they did during last year’s homestudy classes to continue their children’s religious education during a challenging pandemic. Parents always will be their children’s primary religious education teachers and role models.

The Catholic Education Foundation and the Women’s Giving Circle
Invite you to Join Us for our Inaugural
PLAID & KHAKI BALL
Celebrating Catholic Education Throughout the Diocese of Joliet
Saturday, September 11, 2021
Drury Lane Theatre & Events

With the upswing of the COVID-19 Delta variant throughout our country, revised guidelines have been established by the CDC, the State of Illinois, and the Diocese of Joliet. St. Philip the Apostle School students began their classes on August 23, and religious education classes will start on September 11. In an effort to protect our parish children who cannot be vaccinated due to their age, we will require masks to be worn by anyone entering the school and church beginning on August 23. This includes weekend Masses and any gatherings. Masks will be available in the narthex. Wearing a mask shows that you are committed to protecting your parish family, especially our children, from contracting COVID-19. Thank you!

The St. Philip the Apostle School Parent Association is hosting a Back-to-School Family Fun Run on Sunday, September 19, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on the parish grounds. All school and parish families are invited for color powder, silly string, bubbles, water relays, and more. See SchoolSpeak, the school office, or email lizzywroberson@gmail.com for the registration form. $15 per person. Help us to raise $10,000 to kick off this school year. Please also share our donation link with friends and family. https://donorbox.org/family-fun-run. Go Spartans!

SCRIP gift cards are available to order throughout the year. Visit shop.shopwithscrip.com to see brands/denominations. Contact Lizzy Roberson at 224-287-5278 or email lizzywroberson@gmail.com for more information. All proceeds are earmarked for the school. Thank you for your support in keeping the St. Philip the Apostle School tuition low.
Today’s second reading comes from the letter of St. James. We will be journeying with this epistle for the next five weeks of Ordinary Time. Some have likened this letter to the Old Testament’s wisdom literature. It is considered a “universal letter” written to the entirety of the early church instead of to a specific community or person and, as such, it provides insight to help us in our own daily lives of discipleship. Today’s reading begins by reminding us of the gracious God who supplies us with “every perfect gift” and in “whom there is no alteration or shadow caused by change.” Knowing the constancy and generosity of our God, the great gift-giver, we are invited to “humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you.” James’s metaphor to gardening is an apt one for the spiritual life. To flourish as Christians, we need to nourish and protect the seed of faith that we have received. But this is not all. James continues by invoking us to “be doers of the word and not hearers only.”

Source: Living Liturgy, Liturgical Press

Call to Holiness.
Sometimes law and custom can be so onerous, so heavy that we can lose focus on right behavior. That is part of the conversation today as we return to the Gospel of Mark. Observing traditions is good and right. But avoiding oppressing thoughts, words, and deeds is better. In the Second Reading, Saint James says: “Be doers of the word and not hearers only.” In short, be holy.

♦ What unholy words and deeds can I avoid?
♦ What holy words and deeds shall I do this week?
♦ Whom can I invite to holy behavior with me?
An invitation to encounter Christ: God is the source of all wisdom, as we hear his word proclaimed, we are spiritually nourished. “Come, eat of my food, and drink of the wine I have mixed! Advance in the way of understanding.” These words are calling us to savor what God has to say. He is the source of wisdom and understanding that can bring clarity to our lives as we live by his word.

On September 19, this year’s sessions of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) will begin. These sessions will take place in Room 1 on Sundays after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Our format is simple. With the aid of some reading materials, discussion, service activities and, most importantly, the witnessing of Christ in our lives, we hope to increase your understanding of the presence of God in your life. These activities will prepare you for your completion of the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist on Holy Saturday (April 16, 2022). This is a formation process for adults who have not yet received any or all of the sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. We strongly encourage the participation of candidate and sponsor in these activities. If you or someone you know desires to receive these sacraments and wishes to advance in their relationship with God, please contact me for more information.

The scribes and Pharisees are focusing on the disciples’ failure to properly wash their hands prior to eating. But nowhere in the biblical texts of the Law are there regulations regarding the washing of hands before or after meals. These regulations, as described by Mark, are merely practices like those that arise in all societies; if they continue long enough, they can seem like sacred duties, sanctified as “the traditions of their elders.” This distinction is the source of the tension in these three readings. Moses and James both tell their people that they are recipients of a divine gift that requires special care, while Jesus is practically livid when the scribes and Pharisees react harshly to the disciples’ failure to wash their hands according to Jewish practices. Such a distinction between divine law and human practices is valuable for our own lives. When we hear of another’s misdeeds, we should evaluate the seriousness of the offense before forming our own impression. Is this truly a serious moral matter? Or something less weighty? Carefully discerning the seriousness of such matters might reveal that things are not as grave as they first appear.

Such care is an exercise in Christian charity, one way of acting on the word we have received as members of the Body of Christ.

CMAA (Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal)
Pledge Report for St. Philip the Apostle Parish
It is very important that monthly pledge payments be paid so that our parish will reach our goal. Once we have reached our goal in paid pledges, 70% of the amount over goal will be returned to our parish for our needs.

PARISH GOAL: $62,100
AMOUNT PLEDGED: $67,054
AMOUNT PAID: $59,764
REMAINING BALANCE: $7,290
REBATE AMOUNT: $0

Collection for August 21/22, 2021
Collection: $9,085
Budget: $13,115
Difference: ($4,030)

Cumulative for Year to Date ending 06/30/22
Collection: $96,671
Budget: $104,923
Difference: ($8,252)

Maintenance Fund Collection YTD: $21,416

May God bless you for your generosity!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13; Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11
Friday: Col 1:15-20; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5
Sunday: Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:7-10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37
MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

MONDAY, AUGUST 30
8:00 AM

TUESDAY, AUGUST 31
8:00 AM People of the Parish

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1
8:00 AM (Communion Service)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2
8:00 AM LeRoy Pretzie

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3
8:00 AM

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4
4:00 PM INDIVIDUAL RITE OF Penance
5:00 PM Anticipated Mass for Sunday
Jean Troksa / Shani Bhalla / Mary Abraham

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM Francesco & Mattea Provenzano
Ralph Rocco / Mary Schubert / Robert McCann
Wayne Berg / Abhi Bhalla / Vito Burdi
10:00 AM (Same names as 8:00 a.m.)

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

Joseph Servedio
Maddalena Morrone

Our sympathy to their friends and families.

The Church has a responsibility towards creation and
she must assert this responsibility in the public sphere.
(Pope Benedict XVI)
**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.

**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.

We now have available low-gluten hosts which make it possible for people who have celiac disease or allergies to wheat or gluten to be able to receive communion. If you have celiac disease or an allergy to wheat or gluten, please let us know before Mass so that arrangements can be made for you to be able to receive communion at Mass.