December 26, 2021

The Holy Family
OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

After three days Jesus’ parents found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.

Luke 2:46

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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.

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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 on-line registration form at st-phil.org.
Interested in joining the Knights of Columbus? Please call 312-391-3843 or visit http://kofc650.org for more information.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Reflection question:
How can I imitate the Holy Family this week?

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UNPLANNED

The Addison Knights of Columbus will show the movie Unplanned in the St. Philip the Apostle Parish Gym on Saturday, January 8, at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, January 9, at 3:00 p.m. This is a free movie event; freewill donations for all pro-life charities will be gratefully accepted. This move is rated “R” so people under 17 must be accompanied by an adult.

ANNULMENT SUPPORT DAY
A DAY OF SUPPORT AND REFLECTION

DATE: Saturday, January 22, 2022
TIME: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Blanchette Catholic Center
Crest Hill, IL

Working on annulment papers alone without support can be emotionally overwhelming and frustrating. Papers may be placed in a desk drawer and/or not completed. In an effort to help petitioners complete their part of the process, the Office for Family Ministry, in collaboration with the Joliet Diocesan Tribunal, is once again offering an OPTIONAL Day of Support for Annulment Petitioners on Saturday, January 22, 2022 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm in-person at the Blanchette Center for a $15 fee.

This workshop is designed for divorced persons who have already started the annulment process by petitioning the Diocesan Marriage Tribunal, have submitted their Matrimonial Fact Sheet and have a current case in process but have not yet completed the Marriage Summary Long/Questionnaire. Catholics and non-Catholics are welcome to attend, whether remarried or not.

The day will include time for prayer and reflection, a witness talk, and time for questions related to the long questionnaire. Pre-registration is required by January 17. Please register online at https://bit.ly/2B0K4A.

The Office of Family Ministry
(815) 834-5334
familyministry@dioceseofjoliet.org

INAGURAL AWARDS GALA
JANUARY 21, 2022
HONORING ADDISON’S FIRST RESPONDERS

The Blue Blaze
200 E Lake St, Addison, IL 60101

TICKETS:
PRESALE THRU 12-15-21 - $100 EA
12-16-21 THRU 1-30-22 - $125 EA

RSVP BY JANUARY 10, 2022
(630) 981-7623 OR DEBORAHNELSON456@gmail.com

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JOB OPENINGS IN THE JOLIET DIOCESE

◆ The Diocese of Joliet in Crest Hill is seeking to hire a full-time Database and Systems Specialist. Proficiency with core Microsoft products including Outlook, Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Teams, SharePoint, and Forms. Three years’ experience in MS-Access, SQL, and report writing required. Experience with computer graphic and multimedia design. A Bachelor of Science Degree in Information Technology or related field preferred. Send a cover letter and résumé to the Human Resources Department at humanresources@dioceseofjoliet.org.

◆ St. Raphael Catholic Church & School in Naperville is seeking to hire a full-time business office administrative assistant. Experience in Microsoft Office, GoogleDocs, and accounting software needed. Bachelor’s degree and bookkeeping experience a plus. Send a cover letter and résumé to Marian Johnston at mjohnston@straphael.com.

Sal & Rita Ferenzi, sixth grade catechists in the RE Program, took treats and a holiday card from their class to show their appreciation for the Addison Fire Department and Police Department.
As part of their preparation for Confirmation, the eighth grade students in the RE Program and St. Philip the Apostle School write letters to the parish to explain why they want to be Confirmed. Below is the letter from St. Philip the Apostle School student Sean Schmocker.

Hi, I’m Sean Schmocker and this year I will be receiving Confirmation in the Catholic Church. I can’t wait for Confirmation and am really anxious to see what this long journey brings me. First, let’s start off with my family. My mom Annemarie Schmocker and my dad Mark Schmocker are my two biggest supporters. They both can’t wait to see me receive my Confirmation this year and can’t wait for me to take this big step in my life. I also have a sister Sara Schmocker who will be getting Confirmed in 2025. My entire family is really excited for this moment and can’t wait for me to become closer to God. After Confirmation I plan to become more involved in the church by becoming a priest and living out the Catholic faith. I also fully believe in getting involved in God’s mission. In my free time I love to help out at food shelters and help others who are less fortunate than me. Some service experiences I’ve had were volunteering at food drive-ins and places like Feed My Starving Children. These experiences have taught me to appreciate what I have and not take things for granted. They have also taught me to appreciate even the most little things that happen in my life because there is always someone who is having a harder time than you are. The Confirmation name I have chosen is Patrick. The reason I chose this name is because I’m Irish and feel like St. Patrick is the best choice for me. Also right when I got into school and started to learn about the Catholic faith I got welcomed to St. Patrick. My sponsor for Confirmation will be my Aunt Joan Gidd-Hoffman. I chose her because I felt like she would be a great sponsor for me. She follows in God’s path and is trying to help me follow in God’s steps for Confirmation. My entire family is doing the best they can to make Confirmation a very important thing in my life before I even receive it. Right now they are preparing me to be excited for this moment and remember that I am doing this to live out God’s path for me. To get prepared for this moment, my family and I are starting to go to church more often and are remembering to pray before every meal and before we go to sleep. I also can’t wait for this moment because I will do it with my friends who I love being around. Although I’ve only been at St. Philip for a year and a half, I have quickly made friends and am excited to see what our journey will be like and what I can do to help my friends get through their journey if it brings any burdens to them. I hope you have enjoyed reading about how I am getting prepared for Confirmation, and I hope that you are as happy as I am to watch me get Confirmed.

Sincerely, Sean Schmocker

The RE Elementary Christmas Pageant was held on Saturday, December 11. To see more pictures from this event, please visit the What’s New section of the parish website st-phil.org.
Family relationships are not always easy and even the Holy Family encountered the challenges of family life. Mary and Joseph must have been so worried when they could not find Jesus. It is not unreasonable to believe they experienced other emotions as well, perhaps some of the same feelings we have in our families today. There must have been frustration, concern, self-doubt, and maybe even some anger. We can find comfort knowing that the Holy Family was in fact a family, a human family. As we celebrate and seek to emulate the Holy Family, we must also be aware that not all familial relationships are positive. Some family relationships are filled with mistrust, abuse, or any other number of negative feelings or experiences. Additionally, we must recognize that families take different forms and are not necessarily solid. With this, the language we use in talking about family relationships must be inclusive and loving. We can take comfort knowing that the Holy Family demonstrates these realities.

It's time to sign up for the second part of the Fulfilled Series with Adult Formation. All are welcome to participate in a dynamic discussion about Scripture and gain an understanding of some of the most questioned Catholic teachings. The book is available at Ascension Press for $16.95. Please register with Carol Schubert by calling 630-628-0900 x104 or emailing cschubert@st-phil.org. If you did not participate in the first session, you can still sign up for this one. Sessions will start on Tuesday, January 11, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 1 of the Parish Center.

Meeting dates are:
January 11, 18, 25, and February 1, 8, 15, 22

The Senior Socialites will celebrate the New Year with food, fun, and friends on Thursday, January 13, at 12:30 p.m. in Room 1. Looking forward to seeing you all there!

Mrs. Backman's kindergarten class would like to thank everyone who donated toys to the December 10 US Marine Corp Toys for Tots Drive!

The Diocese of Joliet will resume its U.S. mission program in June with a two-week trip to the Navajo Nation located near Chinle, Arizona. The June 4-17 trip will focus on construction projects for residents of the reservation, with volunteers helping with such jobs as framing a house, tearing down dilapidated buildings, repairing fencing, etc. The diocese has organized mission trips to the reservation since 2002, but paused the annual expeditions during the past two years because of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. Informational meetings on the trip will be held on January 4 and 12 at the Blanchette Catholic Center, 16555 Weber Road in Crest Hill. For more information, email bcarslon@dioceseofjoliet.org or call 815-221-6256.

Family Life. Even the pre-teen Jesus astonishes and worries his parents as they fret over their child! Those of us who are parents know this stress.

But all of us, even us aged ones, are still children of God, dearly loved and called to be obedient.

How will I obey God this day? What commandment will I keep? What mercy work will I do?
This weekend we celebrate Christmas on Saturday and the Feast of the Holy Family on Sunday. Many of us will enjoy our Christmas dinner with our immediate and extended family as well as with friends whom we consider family. Let us consider who we are to each other. Have you ever thought that it is our differences that bring us together? The best relationships can be the ones that bring out the best in us or from the help of others who can do what we cannot. The true gifts of life are not tangible. God gave us two gifts: One is choice, and the other is chance. The choice of a good life and the chance to make it the best!

Just for a moment consider that your life is a present waiting to be unwrapped. As we consider the presence of this gift we call our self, let us be mindful that this gift of life is from God. O God our Creator, you have gifted each of us with a life that is always leading to the unwrapping of the true gift that we are to you and to those you have placed in our lives. Help us throughout our lives in this world to discover the complexity of this gift. For a life in you is about mysteries and gratitude. Help us to unwrap the many gifts you have placed within us so that we may give them to each other. All of us are unique, and alone we cannot fully appreciate all that you are, but as we open the gifts of our hearts and share them with one another we are able to see the complete and perfect gift that you offer us as your people. No one is as perfect as you are perfect, but when we share the gifts inside us and love each other for our differences we become a perfect people and truly learn how to cherish all you have given us.

A Blessed and Merry Christmas, Deacon Sean

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**UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF December 27, 2021, to January 2, 2022**

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| **Saturday** | No RE Classes for Grades K-5  
Solemnity of Mary  
(not a Holy Day of Obligation this year) |
| **Friday** | Parish Offices Closed                                                 |
| **Thursday** | No RE Classes for Grades 6-8  
8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.-Parish Office Hours |
| **Wednesday** | No Re Classes for Grades 6-8  
8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.-Parish Office Hours  
8:00 p.m.-AA Meeting (R2-upstairs) |
| **Tuesday** | No School from December 27-31  
8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.-Parish Office Hours  
6:30 p.m.-Legion of Mary (VR) |
| **Monday** | No School from December 27-31  
8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.-Parish Office Hours  
6:30 p.m.-Legion of Mary (VR) |

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**Collection for December 11/12, 2021**

| Collection | $10,538 |
| Budget     | $13,115 |
| Difference | $(2,577) |

**Cumulative for Year to Date ending 06/30/22**

| Collection | $303,913 |
| Budget     | $314,769 |
| Difference | $(10,856) |

Thank you for your generosity!

**Sources & Uses of Maintenance Fund**

Maintenance Fund Collection YTD: $27,372

- Investment in St. Philip the Apostle Parish: $7,439
- Replacement LED of Church Lighting: $7,439
- Repair, sealcoat, stripe parking lots and add concrete aprons: $69,729
- Total Spent: $77,168

**Upcoming Projects:**

- Remodeling of Six Bathrooms: TBD
- Parking Lot Lighting: TBD

Your generosity in helping fund the above work is greatly appreciated!

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18

**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

**Thursday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40

**Friday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

**Saturday:** Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

**Sunday:** Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12
**MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 27**  
8:00 AM Anna Serpico

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28**  
8:00 AM John Guido, Sr. / Tom Meyers

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29**  
8:00 AM (Communion Service)

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30**  
8:00 AM Joseph & Carole Doer  
Edward Celler

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31**  
8:00 AM People of the Parish

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 1**  
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)

4:00 PM INDIVIDUAL RITE OF PENANCE  
5:00 PM Anticipated Mass for Sunday  
People of the Parish

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 2**  
Epiphany of the Lord  
8:00 AM Ludvík Komperda / Mary Schubert  
Stanislaw & Zofia Pucek  
10:00 AM Lukvid Komperda / Ralph Rocco  
Stanislaw & Zofia Pucek / Mary Abraham

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

Our sympathy to her friends and family.

Mother is the name for God on the lips and in the hearts of little children.  
(William Makepeace Thackeray)

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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.

**ABORTION ALTERNATIVES:** Waterleaf (630-701-6270), Post Abortion Healing (877-467-3463), Birthright (800-550-4900, 24 hours)

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

Jackson Becker,  
Jenny Bellezza,  
Fr. Steve Bondi,  
Ray Bugielski,  
Alison Carey,  
Brian Cherry, Tim Kullum Cherry,  
Sylvia Culotta, William Czerniak, Jeff Dela Cruz, Michael DeStefano, Leo Di Fazio, Todd Gardener, John Garrett, Lucas Hameau, Anita Harshbarger, Ifrena Holtz, Judy Jaskey, Jim Lamberti, Shirley Legaspi, Janet Lombardi, Sandra Lundgren, Sandi Milazzo, Cindy Miles, JoAnne Moberg, Vito Montana, Geri Mulcahy, Avery Quarles, Beverly Quinn, Frank Reid, John Rossi, Bud Schubert, Dale & Stella Shamberg, Bill Slovik, Wanda Slupik, Daniel Spratt, Mary Taschetta, Ann Treccia, Jim Wright.

But 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 bnicolai@st-phil.org. Names are deleted from the list after six months unless a request is made for a perpetual listing.

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

- Richard Avila, Marines  
- Salvador Bonilla, Jr., Air Force  
- Elijah Burgins, Marines  
- Emiliano Carrasco, Marines  
- Steven J. DeMarco, Army  
- Matthew Deimling, Army  
- Jack Domek, Marines  
- Adam Domey, Army  
- Samantha Fallon, Navy  
- Diego Feros, Army  
- Blaze Galardy, Air Force  
- Martin Garcia, Army  
- Mark Jastowski, Marines  
- José Juarez, Navy  
- Paul Kepler, Navy  
- Ben Krause, Marines  
- C. J. Loveland, Air Force  
- Drew Loveday, Marines  
- Kristofferson Marzo, Army  
- Andrew Maslanka, Army  
- Matthew Maslanka, Army  
- Bradley Melson, Marines  
- Anthony Milazzo, Navy  
- 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.

**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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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.
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