January 2, 2022

The Epiphany
OF THE LORD

Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, “Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.”
Matthew 2:1-2

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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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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.

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.
PRAYER OF THE WEEK

The Epiphany of the Lord
At the Mass during the Day

O God, who on this day revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations by the guidance of a star, grant in your mercy that we, who know you already by faith, may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime glory. 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:
What can I do this week to come to know God better?

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.

The Addison Knights of Columbus will show the movie Unplanned in the St. Philip the Apostle Parish Gym

Interested in joining the Knights of Columbus? Please call 312-391-3843 or visit http://kofc650.org for more information.
Support the works of the Lord through the 2022 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

The 2022 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) is now underway, and we are asking everyone to pledge their support to this important effort for our diocese and our parish. This year’s CMAA theme, Devoted to the Works of the Lord, illustrates how the many ministries our annual appeal supports allow us to join together to do God’s work throughout our diocese. From helping the poor and vulnerable to forming future priests and educating people of all ages in the faith, the ministries funded through your gifts are far more extensive than our parish could provide on its own. **Our parish’s goal for the 2022 CMAA is $62,500, and 70% of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to us.** This is a great opportunity for our parish! Please review the materials 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 to request one.

**ANNUAL SUPPORT DAY**

**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://forms.gle/BKPhcuicFpEQLL06](https://forms.gle/BKPhcuicFpEQLL06).

The Office of Family Ministry  
(815) 838-5334  
familyministry@dioceseofjoliet.org

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a Pro-Life Baby Bottle Drive after all masses the weekend of January 8/9. Please take a baby bottle home and fill it with spare change, cash, or a check and return it the following weekend to help fund our mission. Let’s all choose Life.

All proceeds will fund the Fr. McGivney Center for Hope and Healing

**“RE-NEW YEAR” RELATIONSHIP IN 2022**

Feeling a little disconnected from your spouse?  
Added stressors starting to impact your marriage?  
Is it time to remind yourselves “I still do”?

Just in time for Valentine’s Day share the gift of time with your loved one by joining Karin McNicholas, LCSW, and her husband Dennis for a four-session Zoom workshop in the privacy of your own home that will give you practical tools to Reconnect, Refresh, and Rejuvenate.

The sessions will begin on Wednesday, January 19, at 7:00 p.m. and continue weekly through February 9. These 90 minute sessions will give Karin and Dennis the opportunity to guide you through exercise that will allow you to connect on a deeper level as you build your relationship and strengthen your marriage. The sharing between spouses is accomplished in complete privacy.

There is no cost to take part in this workshop. Registration is required to receive materials and Zoom link. [https://forms.gle/BKPhcuicFpEQLL06](https://forms.gle/BKPhcuicFpEQLL06).

The deadline to register is noon on January 17. A minimum of 10 couples is required to run the program with a maximum of 20 couples.

To view Karin and Denny’s credentials, please visit [facebook.com/easterndupagemarriageministry](https://facebook.com/easterndupagemarriageministry). Questions may be emailed to: easterndupagemem@gmail.com.

You are cordially invited to enjoy a Continental Breakfast (donuts, bagels, fruit, coffee, and juice) hosted by the Knights of Columbus on Sunday, January 9, from 8:30 a.m. to noon in the St. Philip the Apostle Parish Gym.

Freewill donation in support of pro-life.
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 religious education student Blake Addison.

I, Blake Addison, am ready for my soon-to-come Confirmation. I have been made ready to become Confirmed by my loving parish, my family, and all my friends. My close family consists of my Grandma Diana, my Grandpa Alfredo, my Grandma Gerry, my Grandpa Paul, my mom Alissa, my dad Craig, and lastly my brother Alexander. All of these people have helped me strengthen my faith in different ways, from bringing me to church, to teaching me prayers, and simply just setting a good example. I would never be the person I am today without my loving family. My parish has also taught me many things that have allowed me to grow in my faith. The parish is like a second family that molds my personality and encourages me to strive to be a better person each and every day. My friends, also soon to be Confirmandi, help me in situations where my family and parish might not be able to help. They are also able to relate to me, as they are going through the same thing as I am.

Confirmation will unite me and the Holy Spirit with an eternal bond. No matter what happens after Confirmation, the Holy Spirit will be by my side. I want to be Confirmed to strengthen my faith in God and allow me to feel even closer to the Holy Trinity. After Confirmation I plan to learn more and more about my faith. There is always something to learn, and I will always strive to learn it. Living in Jesus’ footsteps, though it may be hard, is always the best way to live your life. I know I will sin, but I know that God will forgive me in the future, and he will love me through the good and the bad.

St. Anthony will be my Confirmation name. I have chosen the name Anthony, not only because it’s my great-grandfather’s name, but because I can relate to St. Anthony. Anthony’s life was full of hardships, but he persevered through every one of them. Unlike others of his time, Anthony was down to earth, and people liked that about him. I try to be honest and be myself even when it is not always what people expect. Anthony is also the patron saint of lost items, and I could use the help when it comes to finding lost items.

I have done many service projects throughout my life, and I feel good when I do them. I hope to do more service work on my way to becoming Confirmed. My sponsor Alexander Addison has always been there for me, and I feel open to talk to him about my faith. I know that he will never let me down, and I can always count on him.

Sincerely, Blake Addison

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 readings are excellent reminders that we encounter God in a variety of people, places, circumstances and situations. In the letter to the Ephesians, Paul explicitly states that both Jews and Gentiles are welcome in God’s kingdom: “The Gentiles are co-heirs, members of the same body, and co-partners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.” This statement of welcome and inclusivity reminds us that all people bear God’s image. Do we treat others with the God-given dignity they deserve? Just as God is encountered through people, the feast of Epiphany is a prime celebration of God present in nature. The magi notice God’s presence in the beauty and wonder of a star in the night sky. God speaks to these travelers from the east via creation. How do we encounter God in creation? Do we take the time to not only acknowledge God’s creative works but to also dedicate ourselves to stewardship of these gifts? Care for our common home is an important element of Catholic Social Teaching, for we respect and honor God’s presence in the created world. If they were not deeply attuned to this reality, the magi would not have found the Christ Child they were seeking. May we, like the magi, be willing to see God’s presence in all people, places, and things.

Source: Liturgical Press, Living Liturgy 2022

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 new Ministry Schedule starts in February. Lectors, Communion Ministers, Altar Servers, and Ushers are asked to fill in any blackout dates or changes to the Scheduling software before January 15. The new schedule will then be published towards the end of the month. Thank you.

Gifts. The Magi, these foreign interpreters of dreams, do the following: follow a star, travel a great distance, trust the words of others, bring and give gifts. In some countries, Epiphany and not Christmas is gift-giving day. This twelfth-day (when on the traditional 6th of January) brings to completion the manifestation of Christ—first to the Jews and today to everyone. No one is foreign to God’s good grace.

✦ How will I search diligently for Jesus?
✦ Because God is merciful to me, what mercy work can I do for another?
✦ What gifts will I give to others in need?
Today is the Epiphany of our Lord. The Wise Men came to represent the world in recognizing that the child in the manger is the one God promised to send in order to bring salvation. Let us take time to reflect on how we see God’s presence in our lives and the lives of those around us. Our affirmation of the baby Jesus as our Savior and the fulfillment of the promise of redemption enables us to realize the potential of our lives in bringing the Light of Christ to the world. As we begin this New Year with many unknowns and uncertainty, may we all see that the salvation God promised is for all his people. When we see Christ in others as the Magi did, we are assured that God welcomes everyone into his presence. May this year be one of us opening our hearts to all. Imagine how different the world would be if everyone accepted others for the people they are. Let us be always thankful for all that God has done and continues to do in our lives.

**Collection for December 18/19, 2021**
- Collection: $10,802
- Budget: $13,115
- Difference: ($2,314)

**Cumulative for Year to Date ending 06/30/22**
- Collection: $314,715
- Budget: $327,885
- Difference: ($13,170)

Thank you for your generosity!

**Sources & Uses of Maintenance Fund**
- Maintenance Fund Collection YTD: $28,112
  - Beautify the Bathrooms: $1,675
  - Total Donated: $29,788

**Investment in St. Philip the Apostle Parish:**
- Replacement LED of Church Lighting: $7,439
- Parking Lot Repairs & Resurfacing: $69,729
- Total Spent: $77,168

**Upcoming Projects:**
- Remodeling of Six Bathrooms: $125,000
- Parking Lot Lighting: TBD
- Your generosity in helping fund the above work is greatly appreciated!

_Little drops of water, little grains of sand, make the mighty ocean and the pleasant land; so the little minutes, humble though they be, make the mighty ages of eternity._

*(Julia A. Fletcher Carney)*

**UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF January 3 to 9, 2022**

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** 1 Jn 3:22—4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52

**Thursday:** 1 Jn 4:19—5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a

**Friday:** 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

**Saturday:** 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

**Sunday:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
**ABORTION ALTERNATIVES:** Waterleaf (630-701-6270), Post Abortion Healing (877-467-3463), Birthright (800-550-4900, 24 hours)

**MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 3**  
8:00 AM Paulina Bytna

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 4**  
8:00 AM People of the Parish

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5**  
8:00 AM (Communion Service)

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 6**  
8:00 AM Peter Rini

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 7**  
8:00 AM Ty Murinas / Tony DiRutigliano

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 8**  
4:00 PM INDIVIDUAL RITE OF PENCENCE  
5:00 PM Anticipated Mass for Sunday
Paulina Bytna / Christine Perry / Merle Bucher  
Charlene Berg / Joe Ridolfi / Mario Cesario  
Mothers’ Day Mass Intention Recipients  
Jack Glogowski / Betty Lou Russell  
Joseph Barca / Joseph Mariottini  
Stephanie Kowalewski

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 9**  
*Baptism of the Lord*  
8:00 AM Marc Stolfe / Edward Celler  
Michele & Domenica DiTusa / Robert McCann  
Mary Schubert / Jim Conlon / Mallers Family  
10:00 AM Marc Stolfe / Edward Celler  
Wayne Berg / Anna Serpico / Marie DiFazio  
Jean Troksa / Carol P. Baran / Lou Dilacova

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 Carrazco, 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 Kepper, Navy  
Ben Krause, Marines  
C. J. Loveland, Air Force  
Drew Loveday, Marines  
Kristofferson Marzo, Army  
Matthew 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

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.
**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.