THE SPIRIT
OF THE LORD
IS UPON ME,

because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor.

LUKE 4:18
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
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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.

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.
PRAYER OF THE WEEK
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Almighty ever-living God,
direct our actions according to your good pleasure,
that in the name of your beloved Son
we may abound in good works.
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 allow God to direct my actions this week?

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Register now for the Day of Recollection
All Catholic Scouts are invited to attend the 2022 Joliet Diocese Catholic Committee on Scouting (JDCCS) retreat on Saturday, February 26, at Our Lady of Peace in Darien from 9:00 a.m. to noon. This year’s theme is “Trusting in God” and how to bring Him more fully into our lives.
The retreat is designed for scouts in American Heritage Girls, Scouts BSA, Girl Scouts of the USA, Campfire and others, ages K-12. (Children K-5 must be accompanied by an adult) and fulfills a requirement for scouts who may be working on a religious medal. Scouts who have completed all other requirements may schedule a Board of Review to receive final approval for their religious recognition.
Participating scouts will receive a patch, a totem and/or participation beads. Currently an in-person event is planned, but the retreat will be moved to a virtual platform if needed. Registration and permission slips are now available on the Joliet Diocese website (https://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/scouting/).
Deadline for registration is Monday, February 21, 2022.

The pandemic has caused the worst blood shortage in over a decade because most blood drives had to be canceled. The need for blood has not changed however. With the direction of the CDC, we are now able to collect blood safely. Our first blood drive of 2022 will be:
Saturday, January 29, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Good Samaritan United Methodist Church
960 Army Trail Boulevard
To make an appointment (walk-ins are welcome) or for more information, please call Judy Socha at 630-628-1959.
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 Alex Nowak.

My name is Alex Nowak. I’m 13 and I want to be Confirmed. You don’t know much about me so let me start by introducing my family. My mom is Marzena Nowak. She cares about me and always supports me. She is always my number one fan and loves me no matter what. My dad is Darek Nowak. He always teaches me new things and encourages me. My sponsor is my uncle Piotr Wozniakowka. He has always taught me about the Church and Catholicism. He was always helping me and caring for me. My Confirmation saint is St. Padre Pio. I chose him because of how strong his faith was. Even when he was sick and unable to do anything, he still had faith in God that all would be better. I want my faith to be as strong as his. I want to be Confirmed because faith has always been an important part of my life. Whenever I am scared, nervous, or overwhelmed, I pray to God and then I know things will get better. Whenever I wake up in the morning and see that my family is safe, I thank God for that. I help my family a lot. I help my parents with their work and help neighbors with taking care of their lawns. What I learned from this is that helping others without asking really helps them. Whether it’s raking their leaves or just talking to them, I could tell that they weren’t burdened as much. After I get Confirmed, I plan to attend Mass more often. I do not attend Mass as much as I would like, and I plan to attend Mass every Sunday. I plan on trying to be the best version of myself that I can be. I want to be a person that God would be proud of. I feel like I am ready to be Confirmed because I have spent the last ten years learning about the Church. Now I am so close to becoming part of the Church of God. I have done service and have learned about joy and suffering. I am more ready now than I have even been before. Thank you for learning about me and my faith journey. I hope whoever reads this has good health.

Sincerely, Alex Nowak

We are the Body of Christ (Corinthians) assembling as the graced community of believers (Nehemiah) each week to give thanks and praise, to share in Communion, and then sent to serve. We are part of the great Communion of Saints to whom is handed down the living Word of God—both the Scriptures and the Tradition as well as the very person of Christ who is the spoken Word of God (Luke). During the first Mass in a brand-new church building, the bishop shows the Lectionary to the assembly and says: “May the word of God resound always in this building, to open for you the mystery of Christ and to bring about your salvation in the Church.”

(The Order of the Dedication of a Church and an Altar, Chapter II, no. 53, © 2018, ICEL. All rights reserved.) The Word of God is central to faith.

♦ How will I set aside a few minutes each day to read/reread Scripture? What is a good time?
♦ How will I look for the unfolding mystery of Christ in little and big ways today?
♦ How will I be “good news” this week by what I say and do?

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“If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy.” These words from the second reading remind us of our intricate and intimate interconnectedness with others and all of God’s creation. There is power and strength in community. If we are willing to accept help from others during our difficult times, we must also stand ready to assist others when they experience challenges and hardships. We cannot opt in to community when it is convenient. Rather, part of living and working in communion with others is recognizing that we all succeed together or fail together.

Part of the communal reality is recognizing and naming our own gifts. When we can name our strengths without self-absorption or false humility, we are able to better recognize how we can use these gifts for the service of others. Paul writes, “God placed the parts, each one of them, in the body as he intended.” When each person uses their individual gifts for the common good, the community grows and flourishes. The same is true for the workings of our human body.

Happiness will never be ours if we do not recognize to some degree that God’s blessings were given us for the well-being of all. (Anonymous)

**ENCOUNTERING THE LORD JESUS CHRIST IN THE HOLY EUCHARIST:**
A six-week online Lenten series inviting the people of God to renew and rekindle their love for the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

**March 8:** Eucharist: Pathway to Spiritual Transformation, Healing & Discipleship presented by Dr. Mary Amore

**March 15:** Meeting & Receiving God in the Eucharist presented by Abbot Austin G. Murphy, OSB

**March 22:** Palpable Love of A Millennial: The Life of Blessed Carlos presented by Natalie Ryan

**March 29:** Do This in Memory of Me presented by Brother Silas Henderson, SDS

**April 5:** Spiritual Fruits of Praying before the Blessed Sacrament presented by Dr. Mary Amore

**April 12:** History & Development of the Mass presented by Dr. Mary Amore

To review a complete description of the above presentations and a biography of each presenter, please visit [https://www.mayslakeministries.org](https://www.mayslakeministries.org) where you also may register for the presentations. More information is also available by calling 630-852-9000. Individual sessions will be recorded for anyone who registers and may not be able to attend the session on the day it is presented.

Community is important. Community is essential. Community is crucial. This message is the foundation of today’s readings from Nehemiah, Corinthians, and Luke. Ezra’s reading of the scroll is done in front of the community, including--a radical act at the time--women, and children old enough to understand, groups usually not counted among those hearing God’s promise proclaimed. Community is important. The mystical Body of Christ, like the human body, functions best and most fully when all members are playing the role for which they were meant. Community is essential. God’s word is fulfilled when the community has heard it, and witnessed it. In Luke, the baptism and desert trials of Jesus lead to the synagogue scene, which will then lead Jesus to his public ministry of proclaiming the reign of God. He eventually will journey to Jerusalem and his crucifixion. Community is crucial.

**NINE DAYS FOR LIFE (January 19-26)**
Pray this novena for the protection of human life. Join today at [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com) for daily meditations.

Do you hear God calling you to ministry in the church? We need men, women and children to become Lectors, Communion Ministers, Ushers, Altar Servers, and volunteers to help sanitize the church after the 5:00 p.m. Mass and the 10:00 a.m. Mass on the weekends. Please call Carol Schubert at 630-628-0900 x104 if you want to answer the call...
In today’s second reading we hear, “If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy.” We know that when our hands or feet are cold, it makes our whole body shiver until we can get to a place to get warm. When we have a head cold, we ache all over as well and generally feel miserable. In a sense the same is true on a community level. When one of us suffers from illness or the death of a loved to some degree we feel their pain and loss. Part of who we are as a people of faith is diminished; but when these things happen, we have the opportunity to show the love of Christ which binds us together and gives us strength. We can’t always make it hurt go away, but we can be present to share ourselves with each other. With winter finally making its presence known by the cold this last week, it reminds me that I need to check on our neighbors’ well-being. There are many homebound—old and young—who may appreciate a phone call or a visit to make sure they are taken care of or just to know someone is thinking about them. In doing so, we truly become the Body of Christ.

Peace, Deacon Sean

Dear Parishioners of St Philip the Apostle,
Fr. Steve Bondi has served your parish faithfully for the past five years. As you know, he has had some serious health challenges over the past year. Fr. Bondi has accepted an assignment as pastor of St. John Vianney Parish in Lockport, effective February 1, 2022. St. John Vianney is a much smaller parish without a school. The diocese is grateful for Fr. Bondi’s 35 years of service as a priest and looks forward to that continuing on a smaller scale.

Fr. John Hornicak, Pastor of Holy Ghost in Wood Dale, will again administer your parish until a permanent pastor is placed. That placement will certainly be by July 1, if not sooner. In the meantime Fr. Binu Varghese, a priest from India, will be assigned as sacramental minister to St. Philip the Apostle Parish. Fr. Varghese is from India, but is not new to the United States. He has served in this country for many years.

Sincerely,
Fr. John Balluff, Episcopal Vicar for Clergy

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20-22, 25-26; Mk 3:22-30

**Tuesday:** Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18

**Wednesday:** 2 Tm 1:1-18 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30; Mk 4:1-20

**Thursday:** 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132:1-5, 11-14; Mk 4:21-25

**Friday:** 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Ps 51:3-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34

**Saturday:** 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-41

**Sunday:** Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13 [13:4-13]; Lk 4:21-30
MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JANUARY 24
8:00 AM Patrick Tedeski

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25
8:00 AM Martino Daddiso / William Smith
Francesca Selvaggi

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26
8:00 AM (Communion Service)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27
8:00 AM Vince Levy

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28
8:00 AM Donna Giuseffi

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29
4:00 PM INDIVIDUAL RITE OF PENCE
5:00 PM Anticipated Mass for Sunday
People of the Parish

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM Sharon Urzedowski
10:00 AM

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

Marlene Russo
Our sympathy to her friends and family.

If you have anything to pardon, pardon quickly.
Slow forgiveness is little better than no forgiveness.
(Sir Arthur Pinero)

SENIOORS INVITED TO DEFER PROPERTY TAXES
Qualified senior citizens, aged 65 years and older, are invited to apply for the Senior Citizen Real Estate Tax Deferral Program. The program allows participants to defer property tax payment until the property is sold. The deferral is treated as a loan and accrues 6% simple interest until paid. To qualify, the applicant’s household income cannot exceed $55,000. Additionally the property must be used exclusively for residential purposes. The application period closes March 1, 2022. For more information, please contact the DuPage County Treasurer’s Office at 630-407-5900 or visit www.dupageco.org/treasurer. Gwen Henry, Treasurer

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 Domney, Army
Samantha Fallon, Navy
Diego Feros, Army
Blaze Galardy, Air Force
Martin Garcia, Army
Mark Jastowski, Marines
José Juarez, Navy
Paul Keppler, Navy
Ben Krause, Marines
C. J. Loveland, Air Force
Drew Loveday, Marines
Kristofferson Marzo, Army
Andrew Maslanka, Army
Matthew Maslanka, Army
Bradley Nelson, 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

To add a name to the list, please call 630-543-1754 or email bnicolai@st-phil.org.

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