“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “the one who is and who was and who is to come, the almighty.”

REVELATION 1:8
**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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**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](http://www.st-phil.org)  
Facebook: [https://www.facebook.com/StPhilipAddisonIL/](https://www.facebook.com/StPhilipAddisonIL/)

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**RECTORY OFFICES**

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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.

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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.

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**Please join us for:**

- Masses at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
- Communion Service at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday
- Rosary at 8:30 a.m. on Monday-Friday
- Individual Rite of Penance at 4:00 p.m. & Mass at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday
- Sunday Masses at 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.
November 21, 2021
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Prayer of the Faithful

Let us offer our prayers now to God, who rules the
universe and yet loves each and every one of us
and has freed us from our sins.

For the holy Church of God as we proclaim Jesus
Christ Lord of our lives, let us pray to the Lord.

For leaders of all nations to follow the example of Jesus,
dedicate themselves to the truth, and serve all the people
with whom they have been entrusted, especially the
weakest and the least, let us pray to the Lord.

For all who are oppressed by unjust rulers, for those who
are persecuted for their religious beliefs and way of life,
let us pray to the Lord.

For the gift of repentance for our sins, and for the gift
of forgiveness, let us pray to the Lord.

For our faith community as we seek to take our part in
building up the reign of God, let us pray to the Lord.

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

As we welcome more members of our parish family back
to Church to celebrate the Eucharist in person and in
community, we ask you to continue to keep us safe
as we draw closer to your Son.

Help us to each do our part to pray for and welcome
members of our parish family to Holy Mass. May this
celebration be a source of strength, peace, grace, and
joy for all who gather here at St Philip the Apostle.
Amen.

Our Flock is Not Lost, It is Time to Call them Back by Name
During our November 20/21 Masses we will hold a
special prayer event in which all our 16 parishes will pray
for the return of our parishioners. Please think of those
who you miss seeing at Mass. We will write the first
names of all our missed parishioners and pray that they
find their way back to church.

Loving God,
Thank you for walking with us during these difficult
months. We humbly ask you for continued healing
and comfort for the sick, grieving, and lonely.

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

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

Let us remember that, as much has been given us,
much will be expected from us, and that true homage
comes from the heart as well as from the lips,
and shows itself in deeds. (Theodore Roosevelt)
There is a difference between hearing and listening. Hearing is basically a physical function that involves the ears. On the other hand, listening is more of an internal process that uses the ears, but also involves the mind and heart. A couple of years ago, I was at a luncheon with a group of retired priests. For more than twenty minutes, the priests at my table discussed which hearing aid was the best. I sat there quietly as they discussed which ones felt more comfortable in the ear and which ones canceled out background noise. I thought to myself, “One day, I too will be addressing these same issues in my life.” Towards the end of their discussion, one priest wisely added, “No matter how good these hearing aids are, they do very little to help us listen better…that part is up to us!”

His point was well-taken. We can have the best hearing in the world, but it takes real attention and effort to be a good listener, too. Some people seem to have a natural gift to listen well. Nevertheless, you have probably encountered some people in our society who prefer to monologue instead of dialogue. To dialogue, one must embrace the humble position of not only speaking but listening, too.

Our Holy Father has asked that the Church begin a process of “listening.” It is called the Synod on Synodality. “In creating the opportunity for listening and dialogue on the local level through this Synod, Pope Francis is calling the Church to rediscover its deeply synodal nature. This rediscovery of the synodal roots of the Church will involve a process of humbly learning together how God is calling us to be as the Church in the third millennium.” (Vademecum for the Synod on Synodality, section 11)

In other words, the entire people of God, not just the Diocese of Joliet, will enter into a process of “listening” to what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church. Obviously, we need to listen to the Word of God in Scripture and to the living tradition of the Church, and we also need to listen to each other as we discern the signs of the time.

Specifically, to foster a Church that is synodal, the Holy Father has asked us to focus on communion, participation, and mission. Recently, Pope Francis wrote, “The Holy Spirit needs you. Listen to Him by listening to yourselves.”

I have heard officials in the Church refer to this Synod on Synodality as a worldwide ‘listening tour’ that begins at the local Church to discern what the Holy Spirit is saying to us as to what the Church should be. In the Diocese of Joliet, our ‘listening tour’ began with an inaugural Mass at our Cathedral on October 17. People from all over the diocese gathered as we launched this desire to listen to one another. We will continue to offer listening sessions that include our many councils and boards — such as the presbyteral council, pastoral council, women’s council, etc. — as well as leaders of Hispanic ministry, religious orders, Catholic schools and religious education. Their comments will be collected, and a report will be sent to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. After that, there are timelines in which further discussions, drafts and findings will be collected at continental/regional assemblies. This synod process will then conclude with bishops and lay Catholics gathering in Rome in 2023 to discuss the themes and findings from this worldwide listening tour.

There are many people who are already wondering if this Synod on Synodality will lead to any changes in the Church. That is yet to be seen. However, as our society continues to become more polarized with often a preference of monologue over dialogue, this process of listening with open minds and hearts will hopefully give us the opportunity to not only hear one another but also to learn from, empathize with and love one another more deeply. Veni, Sancte Spiritus!

Adsumus, Sancte Spiritus

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.
With You alone to guide us.
make Yourself at home in our hearts.
Teach us the way we must go.
and how we are to pursue it.
We are weak and sinful:
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path.
or partiality influence our actions.
Let us find in You our unity;
so that we may journey together to eternal life.
and not stray from the way of truth.
and what is right.
All this we ask of You.
who are at work in every place and time.
in the communion of the Father and the Son.
forever and ever. Amen
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 Gianna Uribe.

My name is Gianna Uribe, and I am an 8th grader at Indian Trail Junior High School. This is an important year for me as I not only prepare to begin my high school journey but as I embark on my journey to become another important member of our wonderful church. I say embarking on my journey and to become, but truly I began my journey and I became that many years ago. To explain that let me tell you a little more about my family. You see, my faith began from the minute I was born because my Grandma Maria is a very devout Catholic woman, and in turn she raised my mom Maggie to be one as well, and so now she is raising us three sisters and me to do the same!

I live with my dad Lalo, my mom Maggie, my three sisters Julianna, Elianna, and Arianna as well as our mini golden doodle Enzo! My mom and dad are both Eucharistic ministers in the parish, and my sister Julianna and I were both altar servers until the pandemic began. I have also been helping as a teen assistant in the RE Program on Saturdays for a few years now. This year I am helping my mom and my Aunt Viviana with the second grade class, and I love being able to be a part of their journey to First Communion.

My Confirmation name is Mary Magdalene. I chose her because my mother Magdalena was named after her and she always tells us how she is a great reminder of how merciful Jesus is and that no matter what he is always there for us and forgives us for our sins because we are all worthy of his saving grace.

I chose my Uncle Armando as my Confirmation sponsor. I chose him because he is someone I can always count on. He shows me how much he loves me and cares about me and my sisters all the time. If I call him I know he would drop what he is doing to be there for me, and I would do the same for him. He is married to my Aunt Viviana who is also very important to me. They are both Catholics that practice their faith, which to me is super important!

I feel all of this has helped me prepare for Confirmation, and I assure you that I am ready to be Confirmed. Prayer and my faith are very important to me as they have seen not only me but my family through many things. After Confirmation I intend to continue serving the Church and God in any way I can.

Sincerely, Gianna M. Uribe

The St. Philip the Apostle School's Parent Association is pleased to present THE SPARTAN GALA on February 18, 2022, at The Empress Banquets in Addison. Enjoy a lavish night of dancing, dinner, and fun! Open bar and a Grand Raffle ticket is included with every $115 admission ticket. If you can't attend, you're still encouraged to purchase a Grand Raffle ticket for $25 each. 1st prize is $2000, 2nd prize is $1000, 3rd prize is $500. Visit the Gala website at https://stphil.home.qtego.net to make a donation, purchase tickets, or get more information. We are also seeking sponsorships from local businesses or donations for our raffle/auction. Please contact Lizzy Roberson at lizzywroberson@gmail.com with any questions.

Happy Thanksgiving from the Kindergarten Thankful Turkeys!
Each year we round out the liturgical cycle with the feast of Christ the King of the Universe. Today’s gospel focuses on the other worldly aspect of Christ’s kingship. Jesus is arrested by his own people, but the chief priests are not able to put him to death, since executions are under the discretion of their Roman oppressors. For this reason, Jesus is brought to Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor. Jesus’ captors tell Pilate that Jesus poses a threat to Caesar, given that he has proclaimed himself “King of the Jews.” As Pilate does in today’s gospel, we are called to consider the identity of Jesus, the king. In his life, death and resurrection, Jesus gives us a contradictory portrait of kingship. As king of the universe, he controls the wind and the waves, heals illness, multiplies bread and fish, and casts out demons. And yet, this same king is born among animals, placed in a manger, and then is given a criminal’s death on the cross. He lives an ordinary life in the village of Nazareth for thirty years and when he begins his public ministry, he lives as an itinerant preacher who has “nowhere to rest his head” (Matt 8:20). We worship Jesus, the king of the universe, who humbled himself to die on a cross and rose in glory three days later. Let us proclaim the truth of who he is with every word we speak and every action we undertake.

Source: Living Liturgy by Liturgical Press

Do you hear God calling you to ministry in the church?
We are in need of men, women and children to become part of the liturgies. Ministries include: Lectors, Communion Ministers, Ushers, and Altar Servers.
The other great need is for people to help out sanitizing 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 or email her at cschubert@st-phil.org if you would like to answer God’s call...

Go look at the parish Easter Candle near the baptismal font. You see an Alpha (A) and an Omega (W), the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. They remind us that Christ, yesterday and today, is the Beginning and the End. To him belongs all time, all the ages, and glory and power for ever. Amen. Since he is more powerful than me:
♦ What will I believe about God’s Kingdom?
♦ What truth do I need to hear Jesus speak?
♦ What action will I do because it is right and true?

Do you hear God calling you to ministry in the church?
Pope Pius XI instituted The Feast of Christ the King in 1925 so, “That the faithful would gain strength and courage from the celebration of the feast, as we are reminded that Christ must reign in our hearts, minds, wills, and bodies” (Quas Primas, 33). When we recognize Christ as our King and place our trust in him, our lives take on new meaning—a sense that no matter what may happen, we are safely in his care. In following the steps of our King, we know that all we do will work according to his plan for our lives. Of course, there are times that we do not understand where we are being led; these are the moments that can test our faith. I am sure that many of us have experienced this at one point or another; whether it was the loss of a job or direction in life, a relationship turned bad, a serious illness, or the death of a loved one. After these trials we may think that we have been abandoned, and we start to rely on ourselves instead of God. If we surrender to his will and follow him, the road to recovery may not be what we expected, but in the long run it will lead us to a place where we find peace and love. This is the same peace and love that was shown to us as Jesus shared in our humanity and obedience to God our Father.

**JOB OPENINGS IN THE JOLET DIOCESE**
- St. Mary of Gostyn Church in Downers Grove is seeking a full-time Business Office administrative assistant. Experience in Microsoft Office, Google Docs, and accounting software a must. Full job description at [https://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/hr/jobdetail.php?id=740](https://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/hr/jobdetail.php?id=740) To apply, please send résumé and cover letter to Valerie Bava at vbava@stmarygostyn.org.
- St. Margaret Mary Parish in Naperville is seeking to hire a part-time bookkeeper. This is a nonexempt position that will require 25-29 hours per week. High school diploma or equivalent required; college degree or college coursework preferred. Previous bookkeeping experience required. Experience using accounting software, payroll, Excel, Word and Google Docs highly preferred. To apply, send résumé to sbarcel@smmp.com.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- **Monday:** Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4
- **Tuesday:** Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11
- **Wednesday:** Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19
- **Thursday:** Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68-74; Lk 21:20-28
- **Thanksgiving Day, Suggested:** Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
- **Friday:** Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33
- **Saturday:** Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82-87; Lk 21:34-36
- **Sunday:** Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12 — 4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22
8:00 AM Mark Cecola

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23
8:00 AM Vincent Levy

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24
8:00 AM (Communion Service)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25
9:00 AM (Thanksgiving Communion Service)
People of the Parish

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26
8:00 AM Pete Reyes

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27
4:00 PM INDIVIDUAL RITE OF PENANCE
5:00 PM Anticipated Mass for Sunday
People of the Parish

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28
First Sunday of Advent
8:00 AM Carmella Cronin / Wayne Berg
Anthony Russo / Antonia Pesce / Colleen Nix
Francesco Gravina / Rosa & Alfonso Cava
Michael Musto
10:00 AM (same names as 8:00 a.m.)

Let us remember in prayer our deceased relatives, friends, and parishioners, especially:
Albert John Mason, Jr.
Our sympathy to his friends and family.

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.

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

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is excited to announce that IN-PERSON experiences will be held locally in Chicagoland on the following 2022 weekends: February 11-13, April 9-10, August 12-14! Early registration is suggested due to limited space. For more information or to apply, go to https://wwme-chicagoland.org, or call 630-577-0778.

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

Jackson Becker, Jenny Bellozza, Fr. Steve Bondi, 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, Irfena 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 Slovak, Wanda Slupik, Daniel Spratt, Mary Taschetta, Ann Treccia, Jim Wright.

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

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 Dorney, Army
Samantha Fallon, Navy
Diego Feros, Army
Joseph Frost, 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 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 Petbok, 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.
**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.