FIRST Sunday of Advent

There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars. ...When these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.

Luke 21:25, 28
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.

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.

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.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK
First Sunday of Advent
Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God,
the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ
with righteous deeds at his coming,
so that, gathered at his right hand,
they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom.
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 righteous deeds would I be able to bring with me
if Christ returned this week?

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

U.S. MARINE CORPS RESERVE
The St. Philip the Apostle School kindergarten class is coordinating a Christmas Toy Collection with the U.S.M.C. Toys for Tots Program. The children are excited to show their love, generous spirit, and sense of service by collecting a wondrous number of toys to help support families in need, particularly this year. We are encouraging fellow students and the parish community to participate in this important opportunity to share our blessings with those in need. Thank you for your generous support!

TOYS FOR TOTS
Please bring a new, unwrapped toy on Friday, December 10, from 7:30 to 8:00 a.m. to the school’s east entrance. Thank you!

ADULT & FAMILY BUS TRIP
Saturday, January 8th 2022 11:50 am–4 pm
Round Trip Bus Between Elmhurst and Daley Plaza

CONTRIBUTE TO A MOVEMENT
Participate with over 10,000 people to MARCH from Federal Plaza in Chicago.

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

Interested in joining the Knights of Columbus? Please call 312-391-3843 or visit http://kofc650.org for more information.
COMMENTARY TO THE FINANCIAL RESULTS

The revenue for the parish in total was favorable to budget in total driven largely by a higher enrollment at the parish school, a portion of the forgiven PPP loan that was not budgeted, and a withdrawal from the school Endowment account to fund COVID-19 expenses and transfer grants offered to students transferred from the recently closed Holy Family School. The PPP forgiven loan and the endowment withdrawal were one-time events that helped us deliver a surplus for the year. Without these actions the parish would have basically broke even. We did conduct a stewardship program in April, 2021, with Our Sunday Visitor to address our ongoing offertory problem as our offertory is tracking about $100,000 behind our pre-COVID levels. We are hoping that this stewardship program will help us to reverse our declines. We did open up a new maintenance fund which has delivered over $17,000, through June 30, in funding which will be used for church lighting and parking lot repairs.

Our expenses have been controlled, and we have been blessed by milder winters which resulted in lower snow removal expenses and lower utility expenses. We are also blessed with great volunteers who did a remarkable job in sanitizing our worship space during the pandemic. Our deepest gratitude to all that took part in this effort and may God’s blessings be with you always. Our thanks goes out to everyone that weathered the COVID storm to help us celebrate the Eucharist, the catechists to teach our children in the Religious Education Program, and teachers and staff to keep our day school open for in-school learning this past school year.
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 student Johnathan Shuey.

Hello, I am Johnathan Shuey. My parents are Brandy and John Shuey. My brother’s name is Brandon. We both attend St. Philip the Apostle Catholic School. Yes, my faith was brought to me because of my parents and grandparents and their belief and love of the Catholic Church. I want to continue to grow in my faith. Both sets of grandparents have a great love of God, and I have been a part of that since my birth. My parents, grandparents, aunts, and uncles have always been there for me and have shown me support and love. I believe that comes from their strong faith in God, which has been instilled in me over the years.

I have volunteered at the Addison Township Food Pantry, also passing out Christmas presents to underprivileged children. I have helped seniors at a senior event by serving them food and playing bingo and just talking to them and keeping them company.

I chose the name Matthew as a Confirmation name because Matthew was a true believer in Christ, and he became a follower and helped spread the word of Christ.

My sponsor is my nonna. My nonna has love, strength, and perseverance. She has been a volunteer here at the St. Philip the Apostle Religious Education Program for 33 years and a Eucharist Minister for many years. My nonna has taught me to give of my time to others. She always told me to treat others the way you would want to be treated. I feel she is a great example of faith, which is why I chose her to be my sponsor.

I want to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation because I want to continue my faith in God and the Catholic Church. I feel you never lose your faith and strength in God. I want to say thank you to my teachers at St. Philip the Apostle for furthering my education in my faith in God.

Sincerely, Johnathan Shuey

The third graders were very excited to share their love and devotion to the saints at our All Saints’ Day Mass on November 1. They spent time in religion class listening to saint stories and finding new friends in heaven to support and pray for us here on earth. The third graders pray everyday for our parish and school community and assure their teacher, Mrs. Held, that there will someday be a saint from Addison in the Catholic Church.

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 we begin a new liturgical year. Marking time through the liturgical year is an important part of our Christian journey, as it allows us to more deeply align our hearts and minds with Christ and enter more fully into the paschal mystery. It is important to remember that the waiting we experience now during this time of preparation for the coming of God is intimately connected to not only Christmas, but also the entirety of Christ’s life, death, and resurrection. The gospel today reminds us that as Christians, we wait for something more than the celebration of the historical coming of Christ in Christmas. Jesus tells his disciples that a day will come when all must stand before the Son of Man. Like the disciples, we too wait for the coming of Christ at the end of time, a time where sin, fear, and injustice will be no more. This waiting is an important part of the twofold nature of Advent.

Source: Liturgical Press, Living Liturgy 2022

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...

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. Masks must be worn at this event, unless eating or drinking (subject to change as COVID guidance evolves).
Like most of us, I remember the Advent wreath that was on our kitchen table as I was growing up. I’ve continued this tradition in my own home to this day. When I was young, I thought that whenever we had candles on the table something important was being commemorated or someone special was coming to dinner. I was right, because the Advent wreath signals the special event that is Christmas, the coming of the Christ child. We all eagerly await Christmas and all this time of year has to offer: giving and receiving, time with family and friends, and the promise that the love of God will always be with us. But what does this wreath have to do with this? The circular shape represents the passage of time and the crown of the King, who is made incarnate in the baby Jesus. The candles signify the gifts that Christ came to share with us: the HOPE of our salvation, the PEACE that Christ gives to reign in our hearts, the JOY of His presence in our world, and the LOVE that God will never deny to us. The upcoming weeks are going to pass quickly as we prepare for the day we gather together as family to celebrate with gifts we have purchased for each other. The days grow shorter, not only because of less sunlight but also because of all we need to accomplish. However, in all this business, let’s not forget to share the gifts we have received and continue to receive from God through His Son.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF
November 29 to December 5, 2021

| Monday 11/29/21 | 7:30 p.m.-Legion of Mary (VR) |
| Tuesday 11/30/21 | Giving Tuesday
7:00 p.m.-Adult Faith Formation (R1)
8:00 p.m.-AA Meeting (R2-upstairs) |
| Wednesday 12/01/21 | 6:30 p.m.-RE Classes for Grades 6-8
6:30 p.m.-Confirmation GIFT III (GY) |
| Thursday 12/02/21 | 3:00 p.m.-Children’s Choir (CH)
3:00 p.m.-Drama Club (R1)
6:00 p.m.-School First Reconciliation (CH)
7:00 p.m.-Traditional Choir (CH) |
| Friday 12/03/21 | |
| Saturday 12/04/21 | School Fundraiser Ticket Sales (NX)
Knights of Columbus Sock Collection (NX)
8:30 a.m.-RE Choir Practice
9:00 a.m.-RE Classes for Grades K-5 |
| Sunday 12/05/21 | School Fundraiser Ticket Sales (NX)
Knights of Columbus Sock Collection (NX)
11:00 a.m.-RCIA (R1)
12:00 p.m.-Baptisms (CH) |

24/7 NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE:
1-800-799-SAFE (7233)

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.”
—Matthew 11:28

You and your family deserve to be safe and loved in your home.
Sometimes bad things happen in good families. Yelling, hitting, shoving, insults, not sharing income.
If you are experiencing or using these behaviors at home or living in fear, change is possible. You can be safe and bring peace to your family.

St. Philip the Apostle On-Line Giving Link
https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/3124
Questions? Call 630-628-0900 x103.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

| Monday: | Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11 |
| Tuesday: | Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22 |
| Wednesday: | Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37 |
| Thursday: | Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27 |
| Friday: | Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31 |
| Saturday: | Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8 |
| Sunday: | Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6 |

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MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29
8:00 AM  Jean Troksa / Dan Meyers
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30
8:00 AM  Anna Serpico
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1
8:00 AM  (Communion Service)
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2
8:00 AM  Irene Scovill
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3
8:00 AM  People of the Parish
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4
4:00 PM  INDIVIDUAL RITE OF PENANCE
5:00 PM  Anticipated Mass for Sunday
Joseph Mariottini / Colleen Nix / Joe Radolfi
Rich Nadboralski / Anna Serpico
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5
Second Sunday of Advent
8:00 AM  Vince Levy / Cathy Stokes
Julie Rhode / Ralph Rocco / Mary Jane Maxwell
Rick D. Logalbo
10:00 AM  (same names as 8:00 a.m.)

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

Jackson Becker,
Jenny Bellezza,
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,
Ifrena Holtz,
Judy Jaskey,
Jim Lambert,
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.

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 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 Osipina, Marines
Adam Ostrander, Navy
Cole Parent, Marines
Randall Petrbock, 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.

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Fulfilling the Promise.

This is the thrust of Advent. We know Jesus came once; we believe, because of that, he comes again to bring the Reign and Kingdom of God to completion. We, now, are in between those two coming. How are we to live? Not dismayed or anxious. No, we are to be vigilant and strong, ever hopeful, full of right action, justice, and mercy.

We stand erect because God does not abandon us.

◆ What dismay me about life today?
◆ What will I do to please God, trusting I am and we are not abandoned?
◆ What right actions, what works of justice and mercy will I do?

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

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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.

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.