Although they go forth weeping, carrying the seed to be sown, they shall come back rejoicing, carrying their sheaves.

Psalm 126:6
**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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**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.
Interested in joining the Knights of Columbus? Please call 312-391-3843 or visit http://kofc650.org for more information.

October 24, 2021
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Prayer of the Faithful

The Lord has indeed done great things for us. Filled with joy, let us remember everyone who is in need today.

For the holy Church of God, that we may be a healing presence to all the people of the world, let us pray to the Lord.

For all nations to set aside their arms and embrace the causes of peace and justice, let us pray to the Lord.

For doctors, nurses, counselors, and all who work in the healing professions, and for all who work to develop new treatments and cures, let us pray to the Lord.

For our parish community as we reach out to those around us, seeking to share our faith and the Good News of Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

For all who seek to spread the Good News through their work in the Church’s missions, let us pray to the Lord.

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

For all the prayers that we hold in the silence of our hearts; for all our intentions spoken and unspoken, let us pray to the Lord.

O God of goodness, you have indeed filled us with joy at the works you have done in our world.

Hear these our prayers and graciously grant them according to your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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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-phi.org/contact-information-update.html

The fall campaign for 40 Days for Life runs through October 31. Help save lives by peacefully praying to end abortion at 1700 75th Street in Downers Grove.

For more information, please contact Mary Stuhr at 630-250-7521 or email mes102238@sbcglobal.net.
I love to preach. I love it! That may sound odd to you, especially since public speaking is one of the greatest fears in the world, partly because we become anxious about looking silly and being judged or rejected. Yet, every time I approach the pulpit, I am humbled and overjoyed to break open the Word of God and try to connect it to our daily lives.

While I am able to share my love for preaching now, I must admit that when I entered the seminary, I thought to myself, “I am not sure how I am ever going to preach!” Not only did I wonder how I would conquer my fear and stage fright, but I also questioned, “How am I going to come up with new and relevant material day after day?”

Thankfully, at the seminary, my homiletics’ teacher was wise, brilliantly creative and humble. He encouraged me and my fellow seminarians to find our own voice. He gently helped us to develop our own authentic style instead of trying to pretend to be someone we were not.

Admittedly, my confidence has grown over the years. Yet there still remains the daily task of thinking of what to say. People have noticed over the years that when someone is telling a story in normal conversation, I will often say, “Now, that would make a good homily!” I am constantly listening to others and their experiences, keeping track of how I might share them in my preaching one day. In other words, I keep my eyes and ears open to the world around me and then try to connect those examples to Scripture and the spiritual life.

Before preaching, I also use the ancient tradition of “lectio divina” which Pope Benedict XVI referred to as “prayerful listening to the Word of God.” Basically, this four-step process of praying over Scripture includes: 1) Reading (lectio) 2) Meditation (meditatio) 3) Prayer (oratio) 4) Contemplation (contemplatio). The process allows me to move beyond myself and my own interpretation by encountering God, who is behind, in and beyond the text.

In other words, by using lectio divina, I try to avoid preaching about the “Gospel according to me” and instead break open the Scriptures according to the “Word of the Lord.”

I remember this past Advent season, I started thinking about my Christmas homily. I wanted to share something fresh and relevant as the new bishop of Joliet. Yet, with all my reading, conversations and prayer, I was dry. Nothing! I started to think to myself, “Maybe I will just have to dust off a homily from a Christmas past?” Then, two days before Christmas Eve, I was doing my morning Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament and I said to Jesus, “I have nothing to preach about on Christmas. Please help me.” My prayer was answered almost instantly. Within two minutes of my asking the Lord for his help, he sent the Holy Spirit to me and deposited in my head a homily from beginning to end, which I joyfully preached two days later at our Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus.

Please know that most of my prayer petitions are not answered so quickly or so precisely. But I wanted to share that personal experience with you to remind all of us that Jesus is real and that God wants the best for us. He truly knows and loves us and wants us to know and love Him.

While I always try to preach well, I am aware of my own shortcomings and regret the times that I was not as good as I would have liked to have been or when I gave less than what the people of God deserve. I think most of us desire good preaching and long to be fed by the Word of God. I wholeheartedly agree with Pope Francis, who said, “The homily can actually be an intense and happy experience of the Spirit, a consoling encounter with God’s word, a constant source of renewal and growth.” (Evangelii Gaudium, 135)

One last thought ... remember that we all preach. Most preaching does not come from a pulpit at Mass. Instead, we communicate much by our daily words, attitudes and actions. By raising our minds and hearts in prayer to God, let us all strive to preach well and follow the wise words of St. Teresa of Avila, “We must all try to be preachers through our deeds.” †
Junior high teens and families of St. Philip the Apostle Parish, along with some catechists and staff—and hopefully YOU, will be sleeping outside over night on Saturday, November 6, to raise awareness and funds for Bridge Communities. Bridge serves hundreds of families who are homeless in DuPage County by providing transitional housing, education/employment support/mentoring to men, women and children who might otherwise be living on streets or in cars right here in our county. Did you know Bridge provides housing in Addison to several families? This year, more than ever, our help is needed. This year’s Sleep Out Saturday will be different, just as the last year has been! More families than ever will have the opportunity to participate by sleeping in their own backyards or cars. With fewer obligations this year, and more options for family time, we are hoping this will become a family tradition in a new sense. If you desire, you can also participate by enjoying a soup and bread dinner together and sleeping on the floor inside your home. A virtual rally and client witness talk will be available on Bridge Community’s website at www.bridgecommunities.org. Please visit their website prior to November 6 to learn more. A new challenge for families this year is to ask three or more additional families to participate, and to email ten or more people our fundraising letter. Our goal for this year is $3,500. Together, we can make this happen. If you would like to help the teens in their effort to raise funds for Bridge, please visit https://www.bridgecommunities.org/group123 to make a donation by credit card. If you would prefer to write a check, please make checks payable to Bridge Communities and drop it in the church collection basket with Attention: Nancy Mc Knight on the envelope, or mail it to St. Philip RE Office at 1233 W. Holtz Avenue in Addison, IL 60101. For more information on Bridge Communities—or to learn ways you can help, please visit their website www.bridgecommunities.org. Of course, everyone can help us out by keeping us—and the homeless people we are serving—in your prayers. Thank you for your interest and your generosity!

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank all the people who donated to the Catholic Charities Undy Sunday program last weekend. Your generosity will greatly help those who are in need in the community.

JULIE NOONAN
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St. Philip the Apostle School Fundraiser
Monday, November 1

Place your online order by 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 30, and pick up your food order at dismissal time at the main entrance of St. Philip the Apostle School.

ORDER INSTRUCTIONS
♦ Order online at mariosonlake.com
♦ Select your entrees
♦ Proceed to checkout
♦ Complete name and info sections
♦ Under “Special Instructions” enter “ST. PHILIP” (this will ensure delivery to the school)
♦ Select “Pickup” then “Select Schedule Later” (schedule for Monday, November 1, at 3:00 p.m.)

Entrees are made fresh daily and can be frozen for future use. Entrees will be delivered cold and ready to heat. 15% of sales will be donated to St. Philip the Apostle School. Invite your friends and families to place orders. The more Italian specialties purchased, the more donations will be generated for the school.

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 gospel issues a personal appeal to each of us, “Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you.” The blind beggar, Bartimaeus, calls out to Jesus from the side of the road as Jesus passes through Jericho. He continues to call, “Jesus...have pity on me.” Even after being rebuked by others in the crowd. And then when Jesus issues the command, “Call him,” the message of the crowd becomes different, “Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you.” When Bartimaeus stands in front of Jesus, the Lord asks him, “What do you want me to do for you?” And when Bartimaeus responds, “I want to see,” Jesus immediately restores his sight. Jesus’ parting words to Bartimaeus are, “Go your way.” But instead, Bartimaeus follows Jesus on the road that leads to Jerusalem and Jesus’ passion, death and resurrection. Doubtless, in the days to come as he witnesses the name who had healed him to arrested, tortured, and put to death, Bartimaeus will need the courage that he relied on to stand up, throw off his beggar’s cloak, and make his request of Jesus. It is the same courage we all need to answer Jesus’ call and to follow him on the path that leads to life eternal.

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...

The blind man will not be silenced today. Insistently he calls on Jesus by name. He asks for pity; he asks for sight. Jesus makes it happen. Instead of returning home to a renewed life, he throws off his cloak and jumps into action and follows. Even when sightless, he saw with eyes of faith. Because of this encounter with Jesus, his insight is richer.

♦ What do I need to beg of Jesus? For myself?
♦ How can I keep listening for Jesus already active in my life? In the lives of others?
♦ What “cloak” that holds me back will I throw off to follow Jesus?
Life is a journey. It can be compared to taking a trip to a place you knew nothing about just to see what was there—a trip without expectations. This kind of travel can be exciting and full of wonder, or it can be a disappointment...it all depends on your frame of mind. Wonder can be found in the ordinary things around us: the changing leaves, the shape of a rock formation, or a sunset. If our minds are open to beauty, we will find beauty. If not, we are left with a feeling that everything is the same no matter where we are. In our everyday lives there is beauty if we take the time to look for it. No matter where we are God presents the wonder of creation in nature and the people who come into our lives. The revelation of this beauty is not always apparent, but it is there. We know this because God created us out of the same love that He created the beautiful things that surround us and are in us. Sometimes we have to look deep into who we are to find how good and wonderful we can be. Just like the changing leaves in the fall, our inner beauty changes with the passing of seasons of life. We only need to take the time to look for it.

**Faith is the ear of the soul.** (St. Clement of Alexandria)

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**Maintenance Fund Collection YTD:** $23,960

**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.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Rom 8:12-17; Ps 68:2, 4, 6-7ab, 20-21; Lk 13:10-17

**Tuesday:** Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 13:18-21

**Wednesday:** Rom 8:26-30; Ps 13:4-6; Lk 13:22-30

**Thursday:** Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16

**Friday:** Rom 9:1-5; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 14:1-6

**Saturday:** Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18; Lk 14:1, 7-11

**Sunday:** Dt 6:2-6; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28b-34
MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25
8:00 AM  Joy Wojcik

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26
8:00 AM  People of the Parish

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27
8:00 AM  Ronald Larsen / Dan Clay

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28
8:00 AM  Carmella Cronin

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29
8:00 AM  Gloria Colella

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30
4:00 PM  INDIVIDUAL RITE OF PENANCE
5:00 PM  Anticipated Mass for Sunday
Mary Schubert / Francesco Savaglio
Lisa Menghini

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31
Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM  Nancy Kaiser / Dorothy Grigsby
Anthony Russo / Crocifissia Cristina Biundo
10:00 AM  (same names as 8:00 a.m.)

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 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 Osquina, 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.

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.

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


**Tree of Light**

Blessing

(Online Video)

**REGISTER BY:**

OCTOBER 26, 2021

This special Tree Blessing Ceremony remembers infants lost through miscarriage, stillbirth, other pregnancy losses, and infant or early childhood death.

In order to help all families through the grieving process, The Office of Family Ministry in the Catholic Diocese of Joliet is offering a Tree of Light Blessing (Online Video) to honor all infants in lieu of an in-person mass this year.

In the pre-recorded video, each baby will be acknowledged giving each family the opportunity to have their loss acknowledged.

Please register to receive the video online link by email familiministry@dioceseofjoliet.org or online at https://bit.ly/2zWNhtY

**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.