Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me.

Mark 9:37

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 19, 2021

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH
1233 W. Holtz Avenue in Addison, IL 60101
Phone #: 630-628-0900  Website: www.st-phil.org
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/

RECTORY OFFICES
1223 W. Holtz Avenue in Addison, IL 60101
Phone #: 630.628.0900 Fax #: 630.543.9858

Reverend Steven J. Bondi, Pastor
(x101); stevo1359@gmail.com
Deacon Sean McGreal, Pastoral Associate/RCIA Director
(x105); smcgreal@st-phil.org
Deacon Philip Heitz, OFS, Marriage/Baptismal Preparation
(x100)
Stephen R. DiBrito, Parish Business Manager
(x103); sdbritto@st-phil.org
Judy Jaskey, Business Office Administrative Assistant
(x102)
Sandi Milazzo & Shar Mirabelli, Administrative Assistants
(x100); rectory@st-phil.org
Carol Schubert, Liturgy/Adult Faith Formation Director
(x104); cschubert@st-phil.org
St. Vincent de Paul Society (x1 & then x5)

PARISH CENTER OFFICES
1233 W. Holtz Avenue in Addison, IL 60101

MUSIC OFFICE
Bill Wilder, Music Director
Phone #: 630.543.4015 Fax #: 630.543.4672
bwilder@st-phil.org

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE
Phone #: 630.543.1754 Fax #: 630.543.4672
Nancy McKnight, Faith Formation Director
stphilipre@gmail.com
Barbara Nicolai, RE Administrative Assistant
Editor of Parish Bulletin, Calendar, Website
bnicolai@st-phil.org

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE SCHOOL OFFICE
Phone #: 630.543.4130 Fax #: 630.458.8750
Julie Noonan, School Principal
jnoonan@st-phil.org
Joann Wheeler, School Administrative Assistant
jwheeler@st-phil.org

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.
September 19, 2021
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Prayer of the Faithful

Let us seek wisdom from above, and pray for the needs of all.

For our Church as we proclaim Christ crucified and risen through our service to those who are lowest and least, let us pray to the Lord.

For an end to all war and violence in the world, starting with the policies of our own country, let us pray to the Lord.

For children throughout the world, for their safety, for enough food, for loving families, let us pray to the Lord.

For all catechists and teachers of God’s holy word, for those who form our children, for those who work with catechumens, for those who minister to young adults and to the elderly, let us pray to the Lord.

For our community as we set aside ambitions so that we might serve those in need around us, 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.

Holy God, you want us to love you by loving the least among us. Grant us the grace to serve one another. We ask you to hear these our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

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

Join the 34th annual NATIONAL LIFE CHAIN
Advantage Healthcare
203 E. Irving Park Road
Wood Dale, IL
Sunday, October 3, 2021
2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Life Chain is a peaceful, prayerful public witness of pro-life Americans standing and praying for our nation, for people in crisis situations, and for an end to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian community that the Church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception to natural death. The Life Chain will be held in more than 2,000 locations in cities and towns across the United States and Canada, 93 in Illinois.

Questions? Visit lifechain.org and lifechain.net or call Mary Stuhr at 630-250-7521 or Frank Rice at 630-422-7045.

♦ Stand with thousands of pro-lifers throughout the USA. You’ll be a light in a darkened world as you help put an end to abortion through prayer!

♦ Bring your whole family!
  ♦ Rain or shine!

♦ Water, lawn chairs, umbrellas, and strollers are welcome!

♦ Signs will be provided.

♦ Stand 25-30 feet apart.

Welcome back! The Senior Socialites gathered together for good food, fun, and fellowship for the first time on September 9. To see more pictures of their event, please visit https://www.st-phil.org/senior-socialites.html.

Interested in joining the Knights of Columbus? Please call 312-391-3843 or visit http://kofc650.org for more information.
What is your favorite season? Even though I am a big fan of warm weather, my favorite season is the fall. I love the brilliant colors as the leaves change and the breezes at night become cooler. During my five years of living in El Salvador, I missed having four seasons. That country has just two seasons. Residents used to joke and say, "We have two seasons in El Salvador, 'hot' and 'hotter.'" Actually, their two seasons are the dry and rainy seasons, and yet they are still both very 'hot.'

In the Midwest, we are blessed with the four seasons. They provide us not only with changes in the weather and temperature, but they also serve as a reminder that as time moves forward, everything in life changes. The Book of Ecclesiastes reminds us, "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die." 

As Catholics, we believe with all the changes in our lives, God is constant. His love is unchanging and unwavering. St. Paul in his letter to the Hebrews proclaims boldly, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." And therefore, he exhorts us, "Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God." 

Many of you are familiar with the play and movie, "A Man for All Seasons." Based on the life of St. Thomas More, it highlights someone who heroically remains true to God and to himself in the midst of a changing world. He demonstrates the ability to adapt to all circumstances and times around him, while never surrendering to the external pressures to reject or bend his principles and values.

Like St. Thomas More, we are called to be men and women of all seasons. The world around us not only seems to be changing at a rapid pace, but also at times it seems that our society and culture are going crazy as they shift their values and principles. Throughout this rollercoaster ride of changes, we are invited to keep our eyes focused on Christ. He is our Lord, Redeemer and Savior. His love, mercy and compassion never change. In other words, he is our rock, our solace in the storm of incertitude.

Every morning I begin my day with a Holy Hour. As I pray, I sometimes glance outside the window in my chapel that overlooks a grouping of trees, and I am reminded of the changing seasons. Currently, the trees are full of bright green leaves. Yet, I know they will not remain that way. Soon they will change colors, then die, fall to the ground and eventually bud back to new life. As I reflect on the changing seasons, sometimes I catch myself saying, "I cannot believe how quickly time is passing."

At the end of this month, I will celebrate the completion of my first year as the bishop of Joliet. During this time, the seasons have changed, and I too, with the grace of God, have tried to navigate these changing times and issues. Like everyone in the world, my first year has been filled with ups and downs, triumphs and challenges, joys and sorrows. Again, it has gone by like a "blink of the eye." Yet, throughout all the moments of rain and sun, I try to keep my gaze steady on Jesus. He helps me to carry the cross in my times of trial and rejoices with me in the times of joy. Therefore, when people ask me, "How do you feel about being the bishop of the Diocese of Joliet?" I consistently and wholeheartedly respond, "I feel both happy and blessed!"

As I approach my second year here in the Diocese of Joliet, I know that things will continue to change and the craziness in our world will take on different shapes and forms. However, as I take these next steps, I do so with faith, hope and trust in God and with great gratitude for all of you. We are in this changing world together, and truly, 'Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.' †
We were so pleased to welcome our Grade K-5 religious education students back to in-person learning on Saturday, September 11. We could see all the smiles behind the masks, and many activities were happening outside, including a prayer service in honor of September 11. Thank you to all the volunteer catechists who work so hard every year to share their faith with our littlest parishioners.

**JOB OPENINGS IN THE JOLIET DIOCESE**

- **St. Mary Immaculate Parish in Plainfield** is seeking to hire two team members for their maintenance team each needing to work 16 hours per week on Saturday and Sunday, 8 hours per day. Previous maintenance experience is preferred. High school diploma or equivalent required. Must be able to lift 50 lbs., climb ladders and be in good physical condition. Work is inside and outside in various types of weather. Full job description at [https://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/hr/jobdetail.php?id=727](https://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/hr/jobdetail.php?id=727) To apply, please send résumé to Steve Perez at sperez@smip.org.

- **St. Dominic Parish in Bolingbrook** is seeking to hire a part-time youth minister. The candidate must have excellent communication and organizational skills and minister in a collaborative style with parish and school staff. Qualifications include a college degree in catechetical leadership, youth ministry, or theology-related field. Must have experience working with youth in a faith-based environment. Must be a practicing Catholic who models a Christian lifestyle and who possesses a mature spirituality and a committed faith life. Full job description at [https://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/hr/jobdetail.php?id=691](https://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/hr/jobdetail.php?id=691) To apply, please send résumé to Chris Hannigan-Wiehn at channigan.wiehn@stdominicccc.org.

- **St. John Paul II Parish in Kankakee** is seeking a part-time director of sacred music. The applicant should have a bachelor’s degree in music or the equivalent education or experience, should be a practicing Catholic, and must possess a strong knowledge of Catholic music and liturgy. Proficiency in the organ and piano as well as a background in choral conducting. Responsibilities include directing and/or accompanying music for weekend liturgies; directing choir members and cantors; coordinating the recruitment, training, and scheduling of cantors; directing, accompanying, and/or singing at liturgies on holy days, weddings, funerals, and other parish celebrations; attending staff meetings as well as committee meetings as requested; and undertaking other duties as assigned by the pastor. The individual will be subject to a background check and be required to attend a Protecting God’s Children workshop in accordance with USCCB and diocesan policy. Please submit your résumé to Kathy Griffiths at kgriffiths@jp2kankakee.org.

**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.**
In today’s gospel Jesus tells the disciples, “Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me.” Jesus calls them away from their petty and destructive argument of who among them is “the greatest” and instead asks them to look outside of themselves and their fragile egos. If the Twelve needed to hear this message again and again, how often must we have it repeated in our lives? Jesus calls us to a radical new way of life. We are to renounce every form of control over others, to refuse privilege, and to leave behind competition, for there is no place for any of these in the kingdom of God. This is difficult. We seem to be hardwired to seek success and to desire the good opinion of others. But Jesus gives us a simple practice to help us on our path of ongoing conversion. When we empty ourselves of pride and jealous grasping, space opens up for us to receive the gift of Christ found in every person, especially the poor, the weak, and the vulnerable.

Today’s first two readings present a striking contrast between two pathways in life. In Wisdom and the letter from James we are told of the path of the wicked, which leads to oppression and violence. We also hear of the path of the faithful, which leads to peace and human flourishing. Then our Gospel reading from Mark takes our reflection farther. The choice is shown to be not so simple or obvious. The path of faithfulness means following Jesus’ lead, to expand our circle of care toward everyone, especially the most vulnerable. This path also includes opening ourselves to suffering and trials, as we face resistance from within and from outside us. The two paths essentially diverge over whether we refuse or accept God’s love. Each day we face such choices as God invites us into the divine circle of care and enlists us to extend our own circle to those around us.

Source: Living Liturgy, Liturgical Press

---

**Fall 2021 (including corrected dates*)  Alpha: The Marriage Course!**

7 weeks of date experiences to enrich and explore your marriage!

The 7 weeks of The Marriage Course are designed to help strengthen relationships, keep the spark alive, and keep couples connected. Over the 7 sessions, the course covers: Strengthening the Connection, The Art of Communication, Resolving Conflict, The Power of Forgiveness, The Impact of Family, Good Sex, and Love in Action.

Sponsored by The Marriage Ministry Team for the Eastern DuPage Deanery of the Diocese of Joliet is offering

3 online sessions to choose from; each 7 weeks long presented virtually via Zoom:

- Fridays at 8:00pm starting September 24th, 2021
- *Thursdays at 8:00pm starting September 30th, 2021
- *Wednesdays at 7:00pm starting October 6th, 2021

Use this link to register online! There is no cost for this program!

https://forms.gle/RcUq1EgeiB536wu76

You must register 24 hours before your first session to receive the Zoom link.

Questions? Reach the Team at: easterndupagemem@gmail.com

Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.
I’ve heard of many people suffering from depression from COVID-19 related experiences to the point of even contemplating suicide. I once read an article entitled “What the Elephant Didn’t Forget.” In the article, a specialist was called in to find the cause of a recurring infection in an elephant’s foot at a zoo. The veterinarians were not able to find a physical reason for this condition, so they started looking at the animal’s past. They found the elephant had been mistreated in a circus before coming to the zoo—had been force trained for tricks, and that chains were placed at the site of this infection. The veterinarians deduced that the elephant had Post Traumatic Disorder Syndrome (PTDS), and was reliving the trauma, which then caused the infection. I always associated PTDS with psychological effects (reliving a catastrophic event such as combat or a severe accident), not physical maladies. This article brought new insights to me. The events of our lives that we tuck away in our subconscious can be manifested physically without even us realizing it. The need for us to have a person in our lives who we can be completely honest with and that will maintain confidentiality is extremely important to not only our spiritual and emotional health, but also for our physical health. If there is something that is weighing heavy on your heart or mind, find a way to express it to another person whom you trust.

**DEACON SEAN MCGREAL**
Pastoral Associate & RCIA Director

**Phone #:** 630.628.0900 x105
**E-mail Address:** smcgreal@st-phil.org

---

**Collection for September 4/5, 2021**
- **Collection:** $18,083
- **Budget:** $13,115
- **Difference:** $4,968

**Cumulative for Year to Date ending 06/30/22**
- **Collection:** $130,475
- **Budget:** $131,154
- **Difference:** ($679)

**Maintenance Fund Collection YTD:** $21,416

**Collection for September 11/12, 2021**
- **Collection:** $10,948
- **Budget:** $13,115
- **Difference:** ($2,167)

**Cumulative for Year to Date ending 06/30/22**
- **Collection:** $141,423
- **Budget:** $144,269
- **Difference:** ($2,846)

**Maintenance Fund Collection YTD:** $22,267

May God bless you for your generosity!

---

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 8:16-18
**Tuesday:** Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
**Wednesday:** Ezr 9:5-9; Tb:13:2, 3-4abefghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6
**Thursday:** Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 9:7-9
**Friday:** Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1-4; Lk 9:18-22
**Saturday:** Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45
**Sunday:** Nm 11:25-29; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

---

**CREATE A FAMILY LEGACY!**

Use this free tool to create a Will, write your testimony and make sure your values and valuables are passed on to those you love!

[FREEWILL.COM/DIOCESEOFJOLIET](https://www.freekill.com/dioceseofjoliet)

---

We’ve partnered with FreeWill to make planned giving easier than ever. Visit [freewill.com/dioceseofjoliet](https://freewill.com/dioceseofjoliet) to write a will at no personal cost, and include the necessary language to support the Diocese of Joliet with a gift in your plans. FreeWill’s online will-writing tools allow you to make a lasting gift to the Diocese of Joliet quickly and easily.

---

**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.

---

St. Philip the Apostle On-Line Giving Link
[https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/3124](https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/3124)
Questions? Call 630-628-0900 x103.
MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20
8:00 AM

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
8:00 AM  Ramon Antquino / Edith Fleming

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22
8:00 AM  (Communion Service)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23
8:00 AM  Edward Faley, Sr.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
8:00 AM  People of the Parish

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25
4:00 PM  INDIVIDUAL RITE OF PENANCE
5:00 PM  Anticipated Mass for Sunday
Julie Mirabelli / Betty Lou Russell / Wayne Berg
David Loveday / Angelo Carreras
Frank Raimondi

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26
Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM  Jean Troksa / Marc Stolfe
          Raffale & Constatina Puntillo
10:00 AM  (Same names as 8:00 a.m.)

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL REPORT
through September 12, 2021

Thank you for pledging a gift to the CMAA! Monthly pledge payments should be made in the next few days. It is important these pledges be paid, so our parish will reach our goal. Once we have reached our goal in paid pledges, 70% of the amount over goal will be returned to our parish for our needs. Below is our progress:

   Goal: $62,100
   Amount Pledged: $67,086
   Amount Paid: $62,051
   Balance Due: $5,035

   The more the world is at its worst, the more we need the Church at its best.  
   (Anonymous)

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

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

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 Ospina, Marines
Adam Ostrander, Navy
Cole Parent, Marines
Randall Petrbo, 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.

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, Natalie Hyba, Judy 
Jaskey, Jim Lamberti, Shirley Legaspi, Janet 
Lombardi, Roy 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.

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...
**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.